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AND HIS DESCENDANTS

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FIRST CHAPTER

JOHN HANCOCK (1)

I, Richard Ramsey Hancock, have, on this the 4th day of August, 1904, commenced writing a sketch of some of the Hancocks in the United States. My main object in writing up said sketches is that future generations may know more about their ancestry than we of the present generation know about ours.

Notwithstanding, I have been for several years, collecting data for the above named purpose, yet I have not the data before me that I wanted and ought to have; from the fact that so many have failed to give me the asked for information after I had told them what I was doing and begged very earnestly for help. I hope that those who have failed to furnish me any sketch of their branch of the Hancock family will not think hard of me if they do not see their names in these pages.

I am a son of Charles, a grandson of Benjamin, and a great grandson of John Hancock (1) who died in Patrick County, Virginia, in 1802. As the last named is as far back as I can go with my ancestry, I shall commence my sketches with him.

When the reader sees, in the following pages the name John Hancock followed by the figure (1) he may know that it is the same person whose name stands at the head of my first chapter. If the name be followed by the figure 2, then, as Lewis Hancock (2), it will indicate that he is a son of John Hancock (1); if followed by the figure 3 a grandson; by the

by the figure 4 a great grandson and so on. Or, in other words, the figures will number the generation of the person named (whether male or female) from John Hancock (1)

Walter Scott Hancock (5) a prominent lawyer of St. Louis, Mo.- writes me under date of October 14, 1901, as follows: -

"All that I can say authentically in regard to my earliest Hancock ancestry is this: - John Hancock (1) (Scott's great great grandfather) was born about 1733; was married in Goochland Co., Va. October 16th, 1755, to Elizabeth Maddux and lived for many years on the branches of Cunningham Creek, Fluvanna Co., Va.; died in 1802 in Patrick County Va., at the home of his son, Benjamin. I have a description of this plantation, and am going to send it in the mail to Wm. J. Hancock (5), Howell, Va., who will undertake to locate it. The latter's wife was born and reared in the immediate vicinity of this old place which evidently passed to Benjamin's son, John Hancock (3).

Our John Hancock (1) has no connection with the New England or Pennsylvania family so far as I know. At the date of John Hancock's birth there were a great number of Hancocks in Virginia. A large and prominent family of this name was living in Henrico, later Chesterfield Co., Va.: but so far, I have not been able to trace the connection, if any exists. You will recall that our family lived across the James River in Goochland Co.

I have spent about two hundred dollars on the investigation, and even now I have a genealogist employed: but Unfortunately he has been taken sick just as he was beginning his work, and I have not heard from him in about two weeks.

Frequently I have found that letters written on the most important points have not been so much as noticed (I can sympathize with my cousin along this line - R.R.H.); for this reason you will see that my appreciation of your interest is very great.

I have learned more about the family in the last month than ever before in my investigation.

John Hancock (1) had connection in Goochland Co., Va., whom I believe to have been brothers and sisters. These are Major, Thomas,, Stephen, George, Elizabeth, Marianna and Judith. They all married into good families, About this time (1755) all of these, as well as my great, great grandfather (John Hancock (1)) were members of the Church of England. I am a member of the Presbyterian Church. My people are much divided, some are Baptists, some Methodists.

I shall make out a chart showing all the data that I have collected, and let you have a copy. You will judge from it that John Hancock's (1) children are legion."

I am under Obligation to W. Scott Hancock for the following copy of John Hancock's will: --

" In the name of God Amen.

I, John Hancock, of the county of Patrick, being in good health and in perfect sense and memory, thanks be to God for the mercies conferred upon me, but knowing the certainty of death and that it is appointed unto all men to die, I do make, Constitute and appoint this my last will and testament; first, I commend my soul to the hand of Almighty God who gave it, hoping through the meritorious cross and passion of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to receive a free and full pardon of all my sins committed

who I trust will not reject me when I come to Him for mercy; my body I give to the earth to be decently buried according to the will of my executor hereinafter mentioned, and as for all the rest of my temporal estate which it has pleased almighty God to endow me with, I give and bequeath as followeth: -

Item. I give and bequeath to my son, Lewis Hancock, the land whereon I lived in the county of Fluvanna, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I so lend to my well beloved wife, my whole and sole estate in doors and out doors during her natural life or widowhood, and after her decease, my will and pleasure is that my son, William Hancock, should have a part of the land whereon I now live; that is from the end of the mill dam on the ridge to the north line to him and his heirs forever.

Item. The remainder part from there down, I give and bequeath to my son Major Hancock to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Ben Hancock * all my wearing clothes.

Item. And after the decease of my wife, my will and desire is that the rest of my estate be equally divided between my five daughters and my son William Hancock, to-wit: Nancy Corn, Rodice Lane, Elizabeth Mayo, Judath Mayo and Susannah Hancock.

Item. And proportionable part with them to be given to my daughter Mary Morrison's two eldest children, to-wit: Allin Morrison and Jincy Morrison, to be sold and equally divided among them according to the will of my executor hereinafter mentioned, to them and their heirs forever.

*He had previously given Benjamin a farm of 182 acres on Cunningham Creek in Fluvanna Co., Virginia.

Item. And I do appoint my son William Hancock my whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament, revoking and making void all other other wills by me made heretofore.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 10th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two.

Interlined before assigned

John Hancock L. S.

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G. John X Scott
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Mary W. X Thompson
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PATRICK COUNTY, VA. December Court, 1802.

The within last will and testament of J. Hancock, dec'd, was exhibited in court by William Hancock the executor therein named, and proven by the oaths of two of the witnesses thereto, to the act and deed of the said John Hancock, dec'd and the same was ordered to be recorded.

Test S. Staples, C. P. S.

A copy test.

T. A. Trent, Depty Clk."

From the above will we learn that John Hancock had four sons (Benjamin, Lewis, Major and William) and five daughters (Nancy, Rodie, Elizabeth, Judeth and Susannah) living, and one daughter (Mary) dead at the time his will was made . . . November 10th, 1802. Mary left two children, Allen Morrison and Jency Morrison.

I do not know just when Benjamin Hancock moved to Patrick County but the records show that he lived in Fluvanna Co. in 1777 and in Patrick Co. in 1797.

W. Scott Hancock (5) furnished me the following deed copied from the records of the Land Office at Richmond, Va.: -

"George the Third, tec. to all etc.

Know ye that for divers good causes and considerations but more especially for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty Shillings of good and lawful money for our use paid to our Receiver General of our Revenues in this our Colony and Dominion of Virginia.

We have given, granted and confirmed and by these presents for us and our heirs and successors, do give and grant and confirm unto John Hancock one certain tract or parcel of land containing 182 acres, lying and being in the county of Albemarle* on the south side of the Rivanna River on the branches of Cunningham Creek, and bounded as follows, to-wit: - Beginning at a pine and pointers in Hardin Burnley's line, running with the same S. 29 degrees W. 180 poles, crossing two branches of Cunningham Creek to Pointers, then new lines S. 40 degrees E. 146 poles crossing two branches to pointers, and N. 37 degrees E. 212 poles to the beginning.

With all etc. To have hold etc. to be held, etc. Yielding and praying etc., Provided, etc. In witness, etc. Witness our trusty and well beloved John, Earl of Dunmore, our Lieutenant Governor General of our said Colony and Dominion at Williamsburg under the seal of our said Colony fifth day of June one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four, in the fourteenth year of our reign.

EX'D Dunmore

*The county line must have been changed after the above deed was made for two other deeds, made since the above, say that this same farm is in Fluvanna Co., Va.

Land Office - Richmond, Va.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the records of this office. Witness my hand and seal of office, this the 25th day of May, 1899

James W. Richardson

Register of Land Office, L. S.

In 1877 John Hancock made a deed of a gift of the above described farm to his son, Benjamin Hancock.

In 1797, the latter, after he had moved to Patrick Co., sold the same farm for Eighty pounds to Poindexter Hoell.

The names of the five sons-in-law of John Hancock were as follows: Corn, Lane, two Mayos and Morrison. One daughter was not married at the time the will was made. Regret to have to say that I have not yet been able to learn anything about any of the descendants of his six daughters.

John Hancock must have been a man of some property, for the records show that he gave each of his four sons a farm. So, if each daughter was made equal to each son, he at least gave his ten children the value of ten farms. Some of his sons got to be quite wealthy. One (Lewis) who settled in Franklin Co., Va. owned 1,545 acres of land and 23 slaves. Judge John Hancock (4), who died a few years ago in Austin, Texas, was a grandson of Lewis (2).

BENJAMIN HANCOCK (2) OF VIRGINIA AND HIS DESCENDANTS

Benjamin, son of John Hancock (1), was born about 1759 in Fluvanna or Goochland Co., Va. As his father lived in each of the above named counties I am not sure as to which county he lived in at the time of his son's birth. The latter grew to manhood in those two counties.

He married Anna Corn about 1780; and settled on a farm of 182 acres which his father had given him on Gunningham Creek in Fluvanna County, Va., These records show that he was living in Patrick Co., Va. in 1797. Having previously sold his farm in Fluvanna County, he bought two tracts in Patrick County where he lived for about eighteen years or more.

Tradition says that John Hancock died at the home of a son, Benjamin.

Seven sons* and four daughters were born to Benjamin and Anna Corn Hancock: I have not been able to learn the exact dates of the births of John, James and the four daughters. The oldest son, Richard, was born in 1783, and the youngest son, Benjamin, was born in 1803. I am inclined to think that the two named above are the oldest and the youngest of the family and that the four daughters were born between the dates named above.

* These sons always showed their love and respect for each other by each calling the others brother. In speaking of or to each other they would say, "Brother Lewis", etc.

The names of the eleven children are as follows:

1. Richard Hancock (3), born April 16, 1783
2. John Hancock (3), born abt 1785
3. Lewis Hancock (3), Born October 25, 1787
4. James Hancock (3), born about 1794
5. Major Hancock (3), born in 1792
6. Charles Hancock (3), born May 28, 1798
7. Benjamin Hancock (3), born October 30, 1803
8. Mary Hancock (3), married Peter Rule
9. Martha Hancock (3), married Peter Smith
10. Nancy Hancock (3) married Jerry Turner
11. Elizabeth Hancock (3), married Bird Spurlock.

In 1809. two of Benjamin Hancock's (2) sons (Richard & Lewis) emigrated to Middle Tennessee, and settled on adjoining farms on Sycamore Creek in what is now (1904) the tenth civil district of Cannon Co., about nine miles north of Woodbury. (Wilson Co., 1836)

About 1812 another son, Major, emigrated to Ohio and settled on a farm in Champaign County. One son, John, and one daughter, Martha, remained in Patrick Co., Va., where they married and Raised families.

In 1815 he sold his two farms in Patrick Co. and with 3 sons and 3 daughters who yet remained with him, he pulled up stakes and moved to Indiana where he remained for a year. I know not why he stopped there for one year unless it was on account of the ill health of his wife, or a wish to visit some relatives or friends who might have lived in that state. His wife died some time during that year. Hoping to be able to join his sons in Middle Tennessee, he resumed his journey after halting

(The records show that James via paid Ben Hancock \$ 20.00 for 70 acres of land and \$ 700.00 for another tract of land containing 274 acres. So it appears that land was cheap in Virginia ---- not quite 30 cents per acre for one tract and about 2.55 per acre for the other.)

for one year as above named; but unfortunately, when within about thirty-five miles of his sons' he was taken sick and in a few days breathed his last, and was buried about three miles east of Lebanon in Wilson Co., Tenn. The six orphans (the youngest was then about thirteen years old) went on to their brothers and lived for some years on their brother Lewis' farm on the hill just above what is now (1904) known as the cave spring on Lom Odom's farm/

I shall proceed to give a sketch of each of the eleven children of Benjamin and Anna Hancock in the order in which their names occur in the above list following the descendants of each down to the youngest of the present generation, so far as I know. I regret to have to say that, after diligent inquiry, I have failed to find anything about the descendants of some of them.

LEWIS HANCOCK (2)

of

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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The writer is under obligation to the Honorable Walter Scott Hancock of St. Louis, Mo. for the following sketch of Lewis Hancock of Franklin Co., Va. and his descendants. I regret that he, W. Scott Hancock has not been able to help me more. However, I shall do the best I can with the few data he has given me, and the further help I got from a letter written about twenty-eight years ago by the late Judge John Hancock of Austin, Texas, to attorney James W. Hancock, of Newman, Ill.

Lewis Hancock (2), son of John Hancock (1) was born in Fluvanna Co Virginia, about 1757. He married about 1780 the widow Sophia Oglesby whose maiden name was Duncan. She had two daughters by the first husband. Eliza married Peyton Young, and Nancy married Stephen Haynes. He settled in Franklin County, Va. where he became a very prominent citizen as well as a prosperous farmer. He had a plantation of 1,545 acres and 23 slaves. W. Scott Hancock has the name of each slave. The writer finds the above facts in a letter written by Judge John Hancock of Austin, Texas, but he fails to give the name of his eldest brothers or the names of his brother's three sons.

Following are the given names of the six children born to Lewis and Sophia Hancock:

1. John Allen Hancock (3)
2. Benjamin Hancock (3)
3. Fielding A. Hancock (3)
4. Lucinda Hancock (3)
5. Fannie Hancock (3)
6. Sophia Hancock (3)

Lewis Hancock died in Franklin Co., Va. June 16, 1781. He married Sarah Ryan, daughter of William Ryan.

John A. Hancock emigrated to Smith Co., Tenn. and from there to Jackson Co., Ala., where he was a very prominent man and a leader in his neighborhood for about 50 years. He died March 25, 1860, leaving the following children:

1. Eldest son (4) died about 1850 leaving 3 sons.
2. William Ryan Hancock (4) was killed in the Mexican War
3. Lewis Hancock (4) died unmarried.
4. One daughter (4) married Dr. William Haynes of Alabama
5. George Hancock (4) emigrated to Austin, Texas, where he married Eliza Louisa Lewis, who bore him one son, Lewis Hancock (5), now (1904) living in Austin, Texas.

Though the most prominent member of this family was the late Judge John Hancock of Austin, Texas, he was the son of John Allen Hancock of

Jackson County, Alabama, a grandson of Lewis Hancock of Franklin Co., Va., a great grandson of John Hancock (1) of Patrick Co., Va. I had the pleasure of calling on him at his office in Austin, as I was passing through that part of Texas in 1867. I found him to be quite pleasant, talented gentleman. He differed in one respect from all the other Hancocks of the south, so far as my knowledge extends, in that he is the only one of the name who remained a Union man throughout the war for Southern Independence 1861-65. Though I am of the opinion that he did not take any stock on either side during said war. His being a Union man gave him more weight and influence in Congress than he would have otherwise had. Therefore it was perhaps best for his state, in the long run, for him to have been a Union man all along the line.

The following is taken from F. Latta's History of Texas, Fayette County, page 202:

" Judge John Hancock was born in Jackson County, Alabama, on October 24, 1824. In early life he worked upon a farm but soon left it to take up the study of law. In 1847 he came to Texas, locating in Austin. He made friends by his frugal and industrious habits, and in 1851, when not quite twenty-seven years of age, was elected Judge of the Second Judicial District of Texas, of which Fayette County was a part. He was undoubtedly the youngest man who had ever been called to the bench in Texas. If there were those in Fayette County who doubted the wisdom of his selection because of his youth, their doubts were soon dispelled. He opened court one beautiful day in May in 1852 at LaGrange, and announced that no lawyer, witness or juror would be called from the court house door; they must be on hand or pay a fine. This was the first time that this time-saving rule, now so commonly in vogue, in District Courts, was announced. In those days the District Court had jurisdiction in misdemeanors, and the most commonly violated

and, at that time generally prosecuted, was the violation of the gaming laws. Prior to the advent of Judge Hancock, it had been customary, when the boys were fined, for the sheriff to turn the boys loose and let them settle up when they got ready. Judge Hancock put a stop to this and the boys had to pay up or go to jail. He was a hard worker, conscientious in the discharge of his duty and proud to be able to judge.

" In 1859 he was retired from the bench and returned to his practice. The records of Texas courts show that few men, if any, appear in more cases than Judge Hancock. He said he was to be the ablest lawyer in the state. He was not an orator in the common acceptation of that term; he was not a brilliant man, but he worked constantly at whatever there was to do. His mind was a powerful one. It is said that he was never known to spend an idle moment upon the streets during his over forty years residence in Austin. His rule was never to be away from his office, unless he was engaged in the court room, or elsewhere on business. He was never known to break any engagement of any kind. He was a Democrat although a strong Union man. In 1870 the Democrats in this congressional district tendered him the nomination for Congress. He declined because of professional duties that required his attention. But in 1872 the Democrats compelled him to accept the nomination. He was elected until 1877, when he was defeated for nomination, thru efforts of politicians. The people so resented the treatment of this popular man, that they defeated the nominee who succeeded him. In all Texas there probably was no more interesting and exciting campaigns than those between Judge Hancock and Colonel Wash Jones for Congress in Fayette County.

"He died in 1891 in Austin. His fame as a lawyer will live and grow brighter as the years go by." He married Susan E. Richeson of Austin, Texas. He left only one son, E. B. Hancock, now (1904) practicing law

in Austin, Texas

In speaking of his branch of Hancocks in a letter addressed to James W. Hancock of Newman, Illinois, under date of January 9, 1877, Judge John Hancock says, "Most of my line have been farmers and planters, two or three merchants, and about the same number of lawyers or doctors, but all marked by being fond of fine horses, though they rarely gambled or drank to excess."

Benjamin Hancock (3), second son of Lewis Hancock (2), and grandson of John Hancock (1), was born about 1783 in Franklin County, Va. He raised a large family in his native county. His large estate included about forty slaves. His first wife was Fannie Holland, and to them were born the following children:

1. Raleigh Allen Hancock (4)
2. Phoebe Hancock (4), who married Robert Smith
3. Mary L. Hancock (4), who married Charles Booth
4. William Thomas Hancock (4), who married Agnes Booth
5. Benjamin Hancock, Jr. (4) died in infancy.

Benjamin Hancock's 2nd wife was Elizabeth Booth. To them were born nine children, as follows:

6. John Hancock (4), born July 21, 1819; married Julia Morgan.
7. Peper Hancock (4), born October 25, 1819; married Mary A. English.
8. Frances Hancock (4), born 1821; married Ferdinand Price
9. Abram Booth Hancock (4), born October 29, 1825; married in Rockingham Co., N. C. on November 3, 1847 to Martha Elizabeth Walker.
10. Charles Robert Hancock (4), born Dec. 22, 1830; married Sallie Hane.
11. Christopher Hancock (4), born in 1834; married Victoria Street
12. Nancy Katherine Hancock (4), born in 1836; married John A. Street
13. Julia Hancock (4), born about 1838; married John Zeigler

To the union of Abram Booth Hancock (4) and Martha Elizabeth Walker, as mentioned above, were born eleven children as follows:

1. William Benjamin Hancock (5), born December 11, 1849; married Eleanor Robinson of Danville, Virginia.
2. John M. T. Hancock (5), born September 13, 1852; not married in 1902
3. Frances Elizabeth Hancock (5), born February 22, 1854; married John P. McCall
4. Laura A. Hancock (5), born March 17, 1856; married Henry M. Turner of Callaway, Franklin Co., Virginia.
5. Mary E. Hancock (5), born in 1858 married William L. T. Hopkins, d. 1890.
6. Charles Robert Hancock (5), born October 22, 1860. Not married 1901.
7. A. Oscar Hancock (5), born February 19, 1862
8. David L. Hancock, (5), born February 10, 1864
9. Jubal E. Hancock (5), born October 6, 1866
10. Walter Scott Hancock (5), born November 19, 1869; educated at Danville High School and Hampton Sidney College, graduating at Virginia Military Institute, and B. L. of University of Virginia in 1896. On November 21, 1899 he married Anna, daughter of Horatious M. Spencer of St. Louis, Mo. He has one son, Walter Kirkland Hancock (6), born June 28, 1901. Having settled in St. Louis, Mo., W. Scott Hancock was elected Assistant Circuit Court attorney for the State of Missouri, in November 1900, under Joseph W. Wolkas, attorney. About the latter part of the year 1903, they won a national reputation by putting a millionaire in the penitentiary. J. W. Folk is now governor of Missouri (1906).

Walter Scott Hancock has helped me in getting up the record of our line of the Hancock family more than anyone else. His father, Abram Booth Hancock, was a Confederate soldier, and was captured at Five Forks and imprisoned on Johnson's Island where he remained until the war closed. He died about 1904.

11. George Walker Hancock (5), born November 6, 1871.

Fielding A. Hancock (3), third son of Lewis (2) and Sophia Hancock, was born in Franklin County, Virginia about 1785. He and his brother, John Allen Hancock, emigrated to Smith County, Tenn. about 1810. Remaining in Tennessee but a few years they moved to Jackson County, Alabama, where they became quite prominent men. The subject of this sketch was for several years a member of the legislature, both as representative and senator. He was a leader in Jackson County, Ala. for nearly 50 years. He died about 1875 leaving a large family; some of them were in Alabama and some of them had emigrated to Texas. His widow, Susan Hancock, (maiden name Smith) survived him. The records show that she was living four years after the death of her husband. Born to Fielding and Susan (Smith) Hancock were the following:

1. Nancy Ann Hancock (4), married a Mr. Sterne
2. Harriet F. Hancock (4)
3. Martha S. Hancock (4), married John R. Haynes
4. Samuel P. Hancock (4)
5. Daughter who married Samuel C. Meade
6. Elizabeth C. Hancock (4), married a Mr. Jones
7. Frances C. Hancock (4), married Joseph Eustace
8. Mary Hancock (4), married Robert Jones
9. Thomas J. Hancock (4)
10. Sarah V. Hancock (4), married a Mr. Rountree
11. John B. Hancock, Sr. (4), died prior to 1879 leaving nine children

in Texas as follows: Martha Hancock (5) - William A. Hancock (5) - James F. Hancock (5) - Emily F. Hancock (5) - Susan C. Hancock (5) - Mary W. Hancock (5) - Docia C. Hancock (5) - John B. Hancock, Jr (5) - and Sarah E. Hancock (5).

W. Scott Hancock furnished the following records: -

Jackson County, Alabama.

Personally appeared before me, Nelson Kyle, Probate Judge of said county John R. Haynes and Samuel P. Hancock, administrators of the Estate of Field A. Hancock, deceased, who being by me duly sworn depose and say that the foregoing account current as stated between themselves as such administrators and said estate for their own benefit. The heirs at law and

and distributees of the said descendants are Susan Hancock, the widow; and Nancy Ann Sterne; Harriet F. Hancock; Martha S. Haynes, wife of John R. Haynes; Samuel P. Hancock; S. C. Meade; all of them are of full age and reside in said county and state; and Frances S. Eustace, wife of Joseph Eustace; Elizabeth C. Jones, widow; Mary Jones, wife of Robert Jones; Thomas J. Hancock; and Sarah V. Rountree, all of whom are of full age and reside in Texas; also the children of John B. Hancock, deceased; viz: Martha Hancock Hogwood, William A. Hancock, Emily F. Hancock, Susan C. Hancock, Mary W. Hancock, Docia C. Hancock, John B. Hancock, and Sarah E. Hancock. all of whom are in the belief of the affiant minors, under the age of twentyone years except the said Martha Hogwood and William A. Hancock, who are of full age and all of whom reside in the State of Texas.

"Your petitioner prays that a day may be fixed for them to make a final settlement of their administrations and that due notice thereof as required by the law.

John R. Haynes,

S. P. Hancock.

SWORN to before me February 15, 1879

Nelson K yle, Judge of Probate

Filed January 21, 1879

Nelson Kyle, Judge

Recorded in Will Book U, page 622, Jackson County, Alabama

John Hancock (3) of Va.

John Hancock (3), the second son of Benjamin (2) and Anna Corn Hancock, and grandson of John Hancock (1), was born on Cunningham Creek in Fluvanna County, Va., about 1785. The records show that Benjamin Hancock moved to Patrick County some time prior to 1797, where his father John Hancock (1) died in 1802. Out of seven brothers, John Hancock (3) was the only one who remained in Virginia. The other six emigrated as follows: Richard, Lewis and Charles to Tennessee; Major to Ohio; Benjamin (3) to Alabama; and James (3) to Arkansas.

The subject of this sketch married and settled on a farm five miles north of Stuart, Va., the county seat of Patrick County, where he raised five sons and one daughter as follows:

1. Charles Hancock (4)
2. Lewis Hancock (4)
3. Benjamin (4) Hancock
4. Martha Hancock (4)
5. John Witt Hancock (4)
6. Peter Hancock (4)

Charles Hancock (4), the oldest son of John Hancock (3), was born in Patrick Co., Va., about 1810. He grew to manhood and married in said county. Though he afterwards moved to Smyth Co., Va., where he died several years ago. The names of his four sons and one daughter are : James, Lewis, Peyton, William, and Martha Ellen Hancock (5)

Lewis Hancock (4) the second son of John Hancock (3), was born about 1812, in Patrick Co, Va., where he grew to manhood and married Elizabeth Aker. He moved to Wythe Co., Va. where he died several years ago, leaving three children : Nannie, Fannie and John Hancock.

Benjamin F. Hancock (4), third son of John Hancock (3), was born and raised in Patrick Co., Va. He married Miss Lucy Harris in Patrick Co, Va. on Jan. 16, 1840. To B. F. and Lucy Hancock were born two sons and two

daughters as follows: William H Hancock (5), Alaminta Hancock (5), Martha Lee Mary Hancock (5), and Hiram Taswell Hancock(5).

William H. Hancock (5), the first son, was born in Patrick Co., Va. on Nov. 15, 1840, but now lives (1905) in Monroe Co., West Va., his father having emigrated to said county when William was about eight years old. He married the widow Julia Williams, sister-in-law to Dr. J. P. Williams, whom the writer met in Watertown, Tenn. in 1902, though he is now (1905) back in Monroe County, West Va. The writer is under obligation to Dr. Williams for this sketch of the Monroe Co. Hancocks, who are descendants of Benjamin F. and Lucy Harris Hancock.

William H. and Julia W. Hancock had six daughters and one son whose names are as follows: Victoris Hancock,(6), Lewis Henry Hancock(6), Nancy Catherine Hancock (6) Annie May Hancock(6) and Maud Hancock (6).

The son and three daughters are married. All now (1905) living. Ella married Robert Caperton; they have seven children. Jane married Wesley Witt; they have eight children. Lewis H. married Ella Ball; they have two children. Nancy Catherine married a Gaston; they have one child.

Alaminta Hancock (5), second child of Benjamin F. (4) and Lucy H. Hancock, married Joseph Rushbrooke, an Englishman who came to the United States in the year 1869, and was married as above stated in 1877. They had one daughter, Elizabeth Jane Rushbrooke, who is unmarried.

Martha Lee Mary Hancock (5), third child of B. F. and Lucy H. Hancock, died about 1863.

Hiram Taswell Hancock,'5), the fourth and youngest child of B. F. and Lucy H. Hancock, married Safronie Wilton Harvey in 1877. They have nine children as follows: William Edgar, Charles Edward, Mary M., Lucy, Harvey Franklin, Lula Jane Burke, Hugh Clayton, Hiram Hilbert, Allie Hussy Anna, and Julia May Hancock (6).

The first named above William Edgar, married Ida Smith in 1904. He and his father, H. T. Hancock (5), now live in Beckley, county seat of Raleigh County, West Va.

Martha Hancock (4) the fourth child and only daughter of John Hancock (3), was born in Patrick Co., Va. about 1816. She married Joseph H. Edwards and to them were born three sons and two daughters :

Franklin Edwards (5), Albert Edwards (5), Whitwell Edwards (5), Louisa Edwards (5) and Rosa Edwards (5). Martha (Hancock) Edwards died in Virginia several years ago. Regret that I can't give the number nor names of her grandchildren.

John Witt Hancock (4), fifth child but fourth son of John Hancock, (3), was born in Patrick Co., Va. on October 20, 1818 and died in the same county January 29, 1869. He married Jane Edwards, the daughter of Brice Edwards, in Patrick Co., Va., about 1842. Three sons and four daughters were born to them as follows: Belinda, Emaline, William Jasper, James Madison, who died at two years old,; Joseph, Elizabeth Ellen, and Nancy Hancock.

The seven children above named were born in Patrick Co., Va. Belinda, the oldest daughter of John Witt (4) and Jane Edwards Hancock, was born Dec. 1, 1843. She married Samuel Clifton, and this union has been blessed with the following six children: Carter F. Clifton (6) Alice Clifton (deceased) (6), Robert E. Clifton (6), Susan Clifton (6)(deceased), Lillie Clifton (6) (deceased), and Samuel L. Clifton (6).

Emaline Hancock (5) second daughter of John Witt(4) and Jane Edwards Hancock. was born about 1845. She married Henry C. Light and their children were: William, Louella, Charles, Wooster, Albert J., Mary E., John H., Thomas, James and Posey L. Light.

William Jasper Hancock (5), oldest son and third child of John Witt (4) Hancock and wife Jane Edwards Hancock, was born March 3, 1849,

and now lives (1905) four miles north west of Stuart, the county seat of Patrick County, Virginia.

The writer is under obligation to him for the most of the data which I have received in reference to the descendants of John Hancock (3) and his grandfather.

Wm. Jasper Hancock (4) has been twice married, first to Emma Lawrence, December 23, 1874. The following are the names of his children by his first wife: Samuel Eddie, Mary Antoinette, Susan Jane, and Alfred Bruce Hancock. He married Mammie P. Emerson the second time. Their children are as follows: Carrie Belle, Walter Jerome, and Emmette Ashby Hancock. His last wife was a poetess. She has composed quite a number of poems published in one little volume, a copy of which is now before the writer, who takes pleasure in commending her work to her relatives and friends.

From her introduction to her volume of Poems, I take the following:

"I, Mammie P. Hancock, was born in Patrick County, Virginia on July 14, 1857. My parents were Jabez T. and Ruth Emerson. My father died when I was only seven years old. I was given the best of marriage introductions by a pious mother, and received a limited education in the free schools of Virginia.

"I was married to W. J. Hancock, Dec. 16, 1886. Our three children now play around me. To them I dedicate this little book hoping that the sale of it may prove a factor in their education and help to launch their tiny crafts on the mystic ocean of life."

Joseph A. Hancock (5), the fifth child of John Witt (4) and Jane Edwards Hancock, was born in Patrick County, Virginia about 1853.

He married Rosa Lawrence of Floyd County, Virginia and moved to said county in 1880, where he died about 1883. His widow moved to Charlottes -

ville, the county seat of Albemarle County, Va., in 1897, where she now (1904) lives.

John T. Hancock (6), the only son of Joseph A. (5) and Rosa Hancock, was born in Patrick County, Va., February 24, 1879. Remaining only one year in his native county and seventeen years in Floyd County, he moved with his mother to Charlottesville, where he now (1905) lives.

The following are extracts from letters, written in 1903 and 1904, by John T. Hancock (6) and addressed to the writer:

" Your letter gave me more information about the Hancock family that I had ever been able to secure before. I, too, am glad that I am in correspondence with relatives of whom I had never heard before. I am a member of the firm of Hancock & Hoffman, a book and stationery store and printing establishment combined, in which I work from ten to thirteen men, and have half interest in the Old Dominion Printing Co., at this place.

" I am editor and manager of the Charlottesville Weekly News; and the Sunday School Record, and Manager of the High Street Baptist, a monthly church paper. Besides all the above, I have been taking an academic course at the University of Virginia during the past nine months.

" So you see I have my hands full, and don't have much time for correspondence. I have had to sever my connections with three papers, because of lack of time to look after them. My father, Joseph A. Hancock (5), died about twenty years ago. My mother, whose maiden name was Lawrence of Floyd County, Va., is still living. I have one sister, Emma Hancock, living and three sisters are dead."

John T. is one of the busiest Hancocks whom the writer has met or corresponded with. I also find him posted on family history. Although he is the sixth generation from John Hancock (1), he traces his ancestry back to him. Thus Joseph A. (5), John Witt (4), John (3), Benjamin (2) and

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John Hancock (1), which is as far back as any of us can go.

Walter Scott Hancock of St. Louis, Mo. is the only Hancock I have found that can turn John T. Hancock down in being well up on family history.

Elizabeth Ellen Hancock (5), the sixth child of John Witt (4) and Jane Edwards Hancock, was born in Patrick County, Va. in 1857. She married Abram Rorer. There were five children born to this union as follows: Lula, Laura, John Bell, Charlie and Covie Rorer.

Nancy Hancock (5), the seventh and youngest child of John Witt and Jane Hancock, was born about 1859, in Patrick County, Va. She married John Craddock. This home has been blessed with ten children as follows: Thomas, Daisy, Cora L., Maggie M., Reed, Mary Ida, Susan Ida, Ethel, Harry and Luther Craddock.

Peter Hancock (4), the youngest child of John Hancock (3), of Patrick County, Va., was born in said county in 1820. He married Betsy Edwards, and moved to Floyd County, Va., where he died about 1891, leaving eleven children as follows: Martha J., Elizabeth, Nancy, Loucinda, Columbia, Ann, Benjamin F., Samuel, Lewis, Monroe and Joseph Hancock.

The writer takes the following from a letter dated December 9, 1890 and written by Loucinda Hancock Weddle to her Aunt Lucy Hancock, the widow of Benjamin F. Hancock of Monroe County, West Virginia.

"My eldest sister, Martha Jane, who married Brice Casse, died several years ago, leaving two children, Mary M. and L. E. Casse. Sister Elizabeth Moran has seven children; Nancy has two; Ben has six; Samuel has eight; Ann has five; and sister Lumy Salmors had three, but to the great grief of her relatives, she was taken from them over a year ago.

"I also have five little children, and was left to care for them three years ago last July."

The writer regrets to say that after every effort he has failed

to get the names of many of his uncle John Hancock's (3) descendants.

BENJAMIN HANCOCK (2) Of VIRGINIA

and his descendants

Benjamin (2), son of John Hancock (1), was born about 1759, in Fluvanna or Goochland County, Virginia. As his father lived in each of the above named counties, I am not sure as to which county he lived in at the time of his son's birth. The latter grew to manhood in those two counties.

He married Anna Corn about 1780, and settled on a farm of 182 acres which his father had given him on Cunningham Creek, in Fluvanna Co., Va. The records show that he was living in Patrick County, Virginia in 1797. Having previously sold his farm in Fluvanna County, he bought two tracts in Patrick County, where he lived for about eighteen years or more.

Tradition says that John Hancock died at the home of his son Benjamin.

Seven sons and four daughters were born to Benjamin and Anna (Corn) Hancock. I have not been able to learn the exact dates of the births of John, James, and the four daughters.

The oldest son Richard was born in 1783. I am inclined to think that the two named above are the oldest and the youngest of the family and that the four daughters were born between the two dates named above. The names of the eleven children are as follows:

1. Richard Hancock (3), born April 16, 1783
2. John Hancock (3), born about 1785
3. Lewis Hancock (3), born October 25, 1787
4. Major Hancock (3), born in 1793
5. James Hancock (3), born about 1794
6. Charles Hancock (3), born May 28, 1798

7. Benjamin Hancock (3) born October 30, 1803
8. Mary Hancock (3) married Peater Rule
9. Martha Hancock (3) married Peater Smith
10. Nancy Hancock (3) married Jerry Turner
11. Elizabeth Hancock (3) married Bird Spurlock

In 1809 two of Benjamin Hancock's two sons, Richard and Lewis, emigrated to middle Tennessee, and settled on adjoining farms on Sycamore Creek in (1904) what is now the tenth civil district of Cannon County, about nine miles north of Woodbury.

About 1812 another son, Major Hancock, emigrated to Ohio and settled on a farm in Champaign County. One son, John, and one daughter, Martha, remained in Patrick County, Va., where they remained and raised families.

In 1815 Benjamin Hancock sold his two farms in Patrick County, Va., and with the three sons and three daughters, who yet remained with him, he pulled up stakes and moved to Indiana, where he remained for one year. I know not why he stopped there for one year unless it was on account of the ill health of his wife, or a wish to visit some relatives or friends who might have lived in that state.

His wife died some time during that year. Hoping to join his sons in middle Tenn., he resumed his journey after halting for the one year as mentioned above, but unfortunately when within about thirty-five miles of his sons he was taken sick and in a few days breathed his last, and was buried about three miles east of Lebanon in Wilson County, Tenn.

The six orphans (the youngest was about thirteen years old) went on to their brothers, and lived for some years on their brother Lewis' farm, on the hill just above what is now (1904) known as cave spring, on Lon Odom's farm

I shall now proceed to give a sketch of each of the eleven children of Benjamin and Anna Hancock, (2), in the order in which their names occur

in the above list, following the descendants of each down to the youngest of the present generation, so far as I know. I regret that after diligent inquiry, I have failed to find anything about the descendants of some of them.

RICHARD HANCOCK and children of Cannon County, Tennessee:

Richard Hancock (3), eldest son of Benjamin (2) and Anna Corn Hancock, and grandson of John Hancock (1), was born in Fluvanna County, Va., on April 16, 1783. Perhaps he was not over eight or ten years old when his father moved to Patrick County of the same state.

After growing to manhood on a farm in the above named county, he emigrated west in 1809, and settled on a farm in what was then Wilson County, but now (1904) Cannon County, Tennessee.

In 1810, he married the widow Mary Cooper, who owned a farm on Sycamore Creek about one mile below where he had settled. The widow's maiden name was Adams, and, having been born in 1773, was ten years his senior. She had no children by her first husband, Christopher Cooper.

After living to a ripe old age, and proving to be truly a "helpmate" she died, and Richard later married the widow Warren.

Richard Hancock left three children, all by his first wife: two sons, Alfred L. and Christopher Cooper Hancock; and a daughter, Alaminta Hancock. All three of them married and raised families as the following pages show.

Richard was able to give to each of his children a good farm and then have several acres left. He must have owned first and last something near two thousand acres.

He owned quite a number of slaves, and had several thousand dollars loaned out. He was quite a wealthy man for his day.

He had his blacksmithing done in a shop of his own; ground his corn and wheat on a mill of his own, run by horse power; had the leather tanned, out of which he made all their shoes; and the goods to clothe both white and black families were carded, spun and woven at home. He had to pay out a few dollars each year for sugar, coffee, salt and iron.

He had money by saving money as well as by the increase in the value of his land and slaves, and interest on his money. He came as nearly living independent of the balance of the world as any man I ever knew. Yet the needy was seldom turned from his door without assistance. He did not rush things in order to make money, but he accumulated property without seemingly any special effort to make money.

Land was very cheap when he settled in Tennessee, and he was right in thinking that land was a good thing in which to invest his money. Tradition says that he would sometimes exchange a wagon and team for a farm, when one of his neighbors became dissatisfied and wanted to move. His farms were located on Sycamore and Clear Fork creeks in the Tenth Civil District of Cannon County, except a small portion that extended into DeKalb County.

ALFRED L. HANCOCK (4) of Tennessee and his descendants:

Alfred L. Hancock, oldest son of Richard (3) and Mary (Adams) Cooper Hancock, was born in what is now (1905) Cannon County, Tennessee, on March 30, 1811. He grew to manhood on his father's farm on Sycamore Creek in the county above named. While his father was amply able to have given him a good education, it appears that he only attended what was called the "public" or free school of his neighborhood, which usually ran about two or two and a half months each year. A good portion of what was learned at one school term would be forgotten by the time the next term came around.

When first married he settled on Clear Fork Creek, in the tenth civil district of Cannon County, Tenn., where he spent the remaining sixty years of his life.

He owned first and last about fifteen hundred acres of land, some of which is now worth from forty to sixty dollars per acre. He also owned about fourteen slaves. He was very much inclined to introduce things beneficial to his neighbors as well as himself. He put up a cotton gin on his farm, which was run by horse power attached to a sweep. He put up an overshot water power mill to grind corn. He also brought into his neighborhood the first wheat thresher run by a two horse railroad power.

When any enterprise was on hand which was for the benefit of the public, you could always rely upon him to do more than his part, as the following incident will show. He donated three adjoining lots of land, one for a schoolhouse, one for a Baptist Church and one for a cemetery.

He was not a member of any church, yet he gave more to the building of that church than anyone else. As he was a carpenter he gave his services as boss workman while erecting the two buildings above named.

He was noted for always being willing to help the poor and needy. Objects of charity were never turned from his door without being helped.

One day after a severe drouth, which had made corn very scarce and very high, the following conversation took place between A. L. Hancock and a man we will call Mr. A.

Mr. A -- "Mr. Hancock, I have called to see if you have any corn to sell"

Mr. Hancock -- "I have. Have you the money to pay for the corn you wish to buy?"

Mr. A. - - "I have."

Mr. Hancock -- "Well, go on up to Mr. B., he has corn to sell for the money. My neighbors, who have no money to pay for corn, will need all the corn I have to sell."

He furnished the lumber and made coffins free of charge for quite a number of the poor of his neighborhood.

When the War for Southern Independence broke out in the spring of 1861, Alfred L. Hancock cast his fortune with the south; in fact he was a very strong Southern man. So much so he feared that if he should fall in the hands of the enemy, he would be handled roughly, so he went south with the Confederate Army under Gen. Albert Sidney Johnson, in the spring of 1862, and remained south until after the surrender in May 1865. Since he was fifty years old at the beginning of the war, he did not enlist as a regular soldier, but by acting as a forage master he rendered valuable service by collecting supplies for the Confederate Army. Having two sons, Monroe and Christopher Hancock in Company C, Second Tenn., Bell's Brigade, Buford's Division of Forrest's Cavalry, he was with said Company a good portion of the time during the latter part of the war. He was with Gen. Forrest when the latter forded the Tennessee River below Florence, Alabama, captured the forts at Athens, Ala., and Sulphur Trestle, Tenn., and several block houses along the line of the Nashville and Decatur Railroad in Sept. 1864.

On returning home in the spring of 1865, he found that a large portion of the fencing around his farm, his fourteen slaves and nearly all of his other personal property had been swept away.

Though fortunately, a large portion of his estate was land which the federals could not burn nor take away. He went to work to accumulate something to support his family and pay his debts.

Alfred L. Hancock married Eliza Blair in 1836. The latter was born in 1812. To this union were born four sons and five daughters as follows: Richard Monroe, Arzilla, Christopher Elcana, Mary S. Caroline, Margret Lucetta, Ona A. Alfred Ewel, Eliza Alaminta and George Hancock (5).

Eliza, first wife of A. L. Hancock died April 8, 1858. Nancy E. Hale became the second wife of A. L. Hancock about 1859. Their children are as follows: Alice, Rebecca Frances, John Morgan, Americus, Robert Lee, and Sylvester M.

His second wife died October 24, 1871.

Martha J. Vandygrift, who became the third wife of Al. Hancock, on April 4, 1872, was born March 4, 1854. She is now (1906) living.

Two sons and three daughters have been born to A. L. and M. Jm Hancock as follows: Alletha, Andy Ethel, William, Minnie and Marshall.

He had nine children by his first wife, six by his second wife, and five by this third, total twenty children, of whom only six are now (1906) living.

On Oct. 5, 1897, at the ripe age of 86 years, he died and his remains were laid to rest in the cemetery, which he previously gave to the Sycamore Missionary Baptist Church. He was greatly missed by the poor of his neighborhood. He was strictly honest and had no use for anyone who was not honest.

Richard Monroe Hancock, the oldest son of A. L. Hancock, was born July 23, 1838, in Cannon County, Tennessee, where all of A. L. Hancock's children were born. On February 7, 1857, R. Monroe Hancock married Syntha Elizabeth Hancock (4), daughter of Charles and Nancy Hancock. S. E. Hancock was born May 8, 1836.

After living near Gassaway for one year, they settled on a farm on Sycamore Creek, in Cannon County, Tennessee, where they lived the remainder of their lives.

Casting his all with the South at the breaking out of the war for Southern Independence, R. Monroe Hancock and his brother Christopher E., were members of Company C. Second Tennessee Regiment, Bell's Brigade, Buford's Division of Forrest's Cavalry.

The writer will not attempt to name all the engagements in which the subject of this sketch took part, but suffice it to say that he who followed the 'Wizard of the Saddle' had some fighting to do.

On december 24, 1864, while Gen. Forrest was holding the enemy in check in order to give Gen. Hood time to throw his army to the south bank of the Tenn. River, R. Monroe Hancock's horse was shot from under him, and he narrowly escaped being captured.

While he was a good, true and faithful, soldier, yet he was not wounded during the war. He surrendered and was paroled with Forrest's command, near Gainesville, Alabama, May 10, 1865. Of the five Hancocks who had been members of Company C, Second Tennessee, R. Monroe Hancock was the only one to answer, Here, at roll call on that ever memorable occasion. On returning home he went to farming, which had been his occupation before the war.

Tough he did not have the pleasure of enjoying the comforts of home, and the society of his wife and children long, for he died on September 28, 1871.

The names of the eight children born to R. M. and S. E. Hancock are as follows: Anna Eliza, the oldest child, was born Jan. 19, 1858. She married Joseph J. Dodd on Nov. 20, 1881, and left two children, Minnie and Pliny Dodd. Both are now (1906) living. Eliza Dodd Died about 1885.

John Turney Hancock, the second child of R. M. and S. E. Hancock, was born in Cannon County, Tennessee, October 28, 1859. By the death of his mother on September 18, 1873, a family of orphans was left to his care, when he was only fourteen years old.

It is very remarkable how well he and his sister Eliza succeeded in rearing these orphans.

John T. Hancock wrote and had published a tract of sixteen pages called, "A Contract". It is a poem in dialogue form between a skeptic and a fanatic.

About 1886 he married Ida Hale, daughter of Thomas and Melissa Hale. Two daughters, Octa and Mary, and one son, Thomas Monroe, were born to this union. The three children are now living and also their mother (1906). The father died on Jan. 9, 1895.

The following obituary was written by Rev. J. H. Grimes:

"OUR DEAD"

"On January 9, the Elder J. T. Hancock passed to his reward. He was a young Minister of considerable promise. It will be remembered that when I recently resigned the charge of Sycamore Church, he was called to take my place, and was to be ordained in the near future. But before filling a single appointment he was called to the great assembly above. He was devoted to his church and family. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn their loss.

He was laid in the church graveyard, the writer conducting the services. This leaves his Church, his family, and Community in mourning. He will be sadly missed. He had taken great interest in the erection of a new house of worship. That he was not permitted to see it completed, and to stand within its walls and proclaim the gospel is one of the mysterious providences that we cannot explain. We are again reminded that God is so rich in resources, that he can afford to lay a tool by just as it is ready for use. We extend our sympathies to stricken hearts.

Richard Thomas Hancock, third child of R. M. and S. E. Hancock was born March 22, 1861. Being left an orphan when about twelve years old, he had a hard row to weed while growing to manhood.

He married Nancy, daughter of George and Mary Bratton, on September 18, 1889, and settled at the old homeplace on Sycamore Creek, where he now (1906) lives. This farm was given to these orphans by their grandfather, Alfred L. Hancock, and they divided it among themselves.

Six children have been born to this union whose given names follow: Cecil Thomas, George Monroe, John Earl, Galon Bratton, Lola. John Earl Hancock died in France in 1918, a soldier.

Nancy E., fourth child of R. M. And S. E. Hancock, was born September 7, 1862 and died August 15, 1863.

James Bedford Hancock (6), fifth child of R. M. and S. E. Hancock, was born April 13, 1866 and died September 22, 1873.

Sarah Fannie Hancock (6) sixth child of R. M. and S. E. Hancock was born July 25, 1867. She married Hew Lawson White Dodd, September 15, 1889 and died March 11, 1894, without issue.

Her husband died October 18, 1894.

Mollie T. Hancock, the seventh child of R. M. and S. E. Hancock was born July 31, 1869 and died in October 1873.

Alfred Monroe Hancock, eighth and youngest child of R. M. and S. E. Hancock was born February 6.

As he was but a baby when his mother died, he lived for several years with his grandfather, A. L. Hancock. He married Pairlee Blair about 1897, and now (1906) lives in Warren County, Tennessee. He has no children.

Arzilla Hancock, second child of A. L. and Eliza Hancock, was born March 18, 1840. She married Monroe Allen about 1858 and moved to Independence County, Arkansas. She died in 1877, in said state, leaving seven children, whose names are unknown to the writer.

Christopher Elcana, third child of A. L. and Eliza Hancock, was born Sept. 13, 1841.

On June 28, 1861, at Nashville, Tennessee, he was mustered into the

Confederate service with Captain T. M. Alison's company, which a few days later, became Company E. of the First Battalion of Tennessee Cavalry, which did its first service under Gen. Zollicoffer in East Tennessee and Kentucky.

On visiting his son in camp, near Monticello, Kentucky, in December, 1861, and finding his son quite ill, A. L. Hancock applied for a furlough for his son, but the captain refused to grant the furlough. Turning to his son, the father says: "Cris, saddle your horse. If Capt. Allison can't give you a furlough I can." Cris went home with his father and as soon as able he reported for duty. He was not troubled for leaving without permission.

By consolidation of First and Seventh Battalions his company became Co. C, of the Second Tennessee Regiment, Bell's Brigade, Buford's Division of Forrest Cavalry. North Mississippi was the base of operations of said regiment from the spring of 1862 until the war closed in the spring of 1865.

He had a great uncle Benjamin Hancock, who lived in Franklin County, Alabama. It was at this uncle's home that Christopher E. Hancock died of consumption of June 4, 1864, and his remains were laid to rest in a graveyard near by. His hat, a home made beaver, is now (1906) in possession of his brother, A. E. Hancock.

Mary S. Caroline, fourth child of A. L. and Eliza Hancock was born May 19, 1843. She married John King about 1861. Soon after the birth of the only child born to this union, the father, mother and child all died.

Margret Lucetta, fifth child of A. L. And Eliza Hancock, was born Nov. 3, 1844, married James Hollinsworth about 1863, and passed to her reward about two years later, leaving no children

Ona Adaly, sixth child of A. L. and Eliza Hancock, was born August 18, 1846. She married Richard Grizzle about 1861, and passed away about one year later, leaving one daughter, who married James Campbell. They first moved to Trousdale County, Tenn., but now (1906) live in Oklahoma Territory. They have about seven children, but their names are unknown to the writer.

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Alfred Ewel Hancock, seventh child of A. L. and Eliza Hancock, was born August 17, 1848. He settled on the east side of Clear Fork Creek, only a few hundred yards from his father's where he now (1906) lives. He commenced selling goods in a store house near his dwelling in 1881, and continued for twenty-three years at the same place. He then sold his goods to his half brother, William Hancock, who ran the business for two years and then sold back to A. E. Hancock, who is now (1906) running the business. He is a farmer as well as a merchant. Besides his homeplace in De Kalb County, he owns a farm near Auburn in Cannon County, Tenn. His farms are about five miles apart. He was made the executor of his father's will, and is the only one of the first set of children now living.

Two children have been born to Alfred Ewel and Susan Olivia (Adams) Hancock; one child died in infancy, and the other, Valter Ray, was born in 1886.

The writer would say that A. E. Hancock is a fine man and strictly honest and fair in his dealings with his fellow men, were it not that he is still living.

Eliza Alaminta Hancock, eighth child of A. L. and Eliza Hancock, was born May 17, 1851. She married Peter I. Turney in 1868. Two sons and three daughters were born to this union. Minnie married Buddy Mears and died leaving three children. Only one, Lawrence Turney, of Peter I. and Eliza Turney's children are now living (1906)

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George Hancock, ninth and youngest child of A. L. and Eliza Hancock, was born August 28, 1857. He married Mary Jane Melton, daughter of George G. Melton, on January 16, 1881. They settled on a farm at Cassaway, in Cannon County, Tenn.

There were born to this union two sons, Christopher and Selma, both dead, and one daughter, Vera, who married Levert Yeargen in Jan. 1904, and is now (1906) living on her father's farm. She is the only one of George Hancock's family now living. She has one child. George's wife died about 1895. He never married again. While in Texas on a visit, George Hancock was killed by a moving train of cars on April 14, 1904. His remains were sent back to Tenn. for interment.

Alice Hancock, the oldest child by A. L. Hancock's second wife, Nancy E. Hale, was born April 10, 1860. She married George Turney Nov. 24, 1874. George Turney ran both a store and a farm for several years, but owing to his ill health he had to drop the goods business, so he has only been farming for several years. He has spent the last three winters in Florida. His farm is near the junction of Sycamore and Clear Fork Creeks, in DeKalb County, Tenn.

His wife died in May 1899, leaving two sons and three daughters, as follows: Etna Turney, who married George Groom, and died in March 1906, leaving no children.

Dollie Turney married Joseph Rich and has two children.

Eva Turney married Doss Anderson

Lillie Turney married William Hale

Henry B. Turney, and Birdie Turney are yet unmarried. The other two died while young.

Rebecca Frances Hancock, second child of A. L. and Nancy E. Hancock, was born Jan. 5, 1862. She married Galand D. Morris in 1875, and died in 1886, leaving one son, John Morris, who married Mary Brashier, and two daughters, Clemmie married Hiram Owen, and has one child; and Hallie married Claud Vandeverift and has two children.

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John Morgan Hancock, third child of A. L. and Nancy E. Hancock, was born Dec. 25, 1863, and died unmarried on Aug. 5, 1893. He was quite handsome, fine looking and well proportioned.

America Hancock, fourth child of A. L. and Nancy E. Hancock, was born May 18, 1866. She married W. J. Vandygrift in 1884. She has two boys, Marshall and Lambert Vandygrift.

Of the six children born to Alfred L. and Nancy E. Hancock, America is the only one now (1906) living. She lives on a farm that once belonged to her father, near Gassaway, Tenn.

Two of A. L. Hancock's children, Robert Lee and Sylvester M. Hancock, by his second wife, died in infancy.

Alletha, oldest child of Alfred L. Hancock and Martha J. Vandygrift, his third wife, was born June 4, 1873. She married James W. Grizzle in Oct. 1887, and is now (1906) living in Brandon, Hill County, Texas. She had one son and seven daughters as follows: Martha Josephine, Lettie, Eula, Hannah, Wiley, Angie, Willie Pearl, and Lillie Carrie Grizzle.

William, second child of Alfred L. and Martha J. Hancock, was born Jan. 11, 1876. He married Hallie Milligan in 1896. One son, Buell, and one daughter, Evangeline, have been born to this union. He first settled where he now (1906) lives, near his father's residence. In 1904, he bought out his half brother, A. E. Hancock, and engaged in the goods business for about two years, as previously mentioned in the sketch of the latter. Mr. Hancock is a farmer.

Audie Ethel, third child of Alfred L. and Martha J. Hancock, was born Dec. 29, 1878, and married J. William Dodd in July 1895. Audie Ethel Dodd was called to her eternal reward on Nov. 29, 1903, leaving two sons, Willie Newman Dodd and Roy Dodd.

Minnie, fourth child of Alfred L. and Martha J. Hancock, was born July 5, 1881, and married James Hall Owen in March 1899. They have two sons, James Alfred and John Morgan Owen, and one daughter, Roberta.

J. Hall and Minnie Owen now (1906) live about three miles northwest of Auburn in Wilson County, Tennessee.

Marshall, fifth son and youngest child of Alfred L. and Martha J. Hancock, was born Feb, 15, 1884, and married Lizzie Tassey October 29, 1905. He lives with his mother.

In his will Alfred L. Hancock left his widow, Martha J. Hancock, his home place of about 160 acres and a lot of personal property, all of which at her death goes to her children. The balance of his estate, both real and personal, was sold and divided among the children of his first and second wives. If any of his heirs should be dissatisfied with what he had given them they were to have nothing, and what he had given them was to be divided among the other heirs mentioned in his will.

B ENJAMIN HANCOCK (3) of Alabama

The subject of this sketch was born in Patrick County, Va., October 3, 1803. He was the youngest of seven brothers and named for his father. Anna was the given name of his mother and her maiden name was Corn. He was the grandson of John Hancock (1) who had lived in Goochland and Fluvanna Counties, but died in Patrick Co., Va., in 1802. When about twelve years old Benjamin left Virginia with his father and mother, two brothers and 3 sisters, and, after halting for about one year in Indiana where his mother was buried, the rest of the family continued their journey for Tennessee. When within about thirty-five miles of his two brothers (Richard and Lewis), who had settled in said state about eight years prior to this, his father died and was buried about three miles east of Lebanon in Wilson C., Tenn. Continuing their journey the six orphans went to their brothers mentioned above, who had settled on Sycamore Creek in what was then Wilson County but now (1905) Cannon County. They lived on their brother Lewis' farm for some years. While living on his brother's farm he formed the acquaintance of Mary A. Ramsey, daughter of James Ramsey, who then lived on Harrison Creek about three miles from where Benjamin lived.

About 1823, James Ramsey, Esquire, moved about 170 miles southwest and settled on a farm near the Good Springs, four miles north of Russellville, in Franklin Co., Alabama, to which place he was soon followed by the subject of this sketch; and on December 28, 1825, Benjamin Hancock and Miss Mary A. Ramsey were made husband and wife. He settled on a farm adjoining that of his father-in-law, where he lived for about forty-three years, and raised a family of nine children as follows:

Nancy Hancock (4), Sallie Hancock (4), James Hancock (4), Eliza A. Hancock (4), Martha A. Hancock (4), Terry C. Hancock (4), Elizabeth Hancock (4), Mollie Hancock (4), Benjamin Franklin Hancock (4).

As I have failed to find his family record, I do not know the dates of births of all his children; but I think that the above list is nearly arranged according to their ages from the oldest Nancy to the youngest Benjamin. All of his children have been dead for several years. One son and four daughters were married.

Nancy Hancock (4), the oldest daughter, married Mikiel Sugg about 1850. Three children, a son and two daughters, were born to them. Their oldest daughter, Mattie Sugg, married Robert Hurst of Franklin Co., Ala. Their second daughter died quite young, and their son, James, died in Arkansas.

JAMES HAN COCK (4)

Second child and oldest son of Benjamin and Mary A. Hancock, was born in Franklin Co., Ala. about 1828. He grew to manhood on a farm about 4 miles north of Russellville in which place he commenced business as a clerk for Mr. Joseph Hillman some time previous to the War for Southern Independence. About 1857, he married Miss Pean Ladd, daughter of Noble R. Ladd who was postmaster of Russellville, Ala., about thirty years. In 1861 James Hancock changed his occupation from that of a clerk in a dry goods store to that of a Confederate soldier. He served as quarter-master of the Fourth Alabama Cavalry with Gen. N. B. Forrest.. He made a true and faithful soldier, and as quarter-master gave full satisfaction to all concerned. When the Confederate War closed in 1865, James Hancock went into the goods business with his old friend and employer, Joseph Hillman, at Tusculumbia, Ala. After doing a successful business here for about three years, Hancock sold out and went into the goods business with one Mr. Jones at Florence, Ala. on the north side of the Tennessee River. Hancock and Jones soon became the leading merchants of that place. After doing a large and successful business for a few years and taking in another

partner the firm became Hancock, Jones and Bliss. Hancock lost his wife about 1876. She left him four children as follows: Annie Hancock (5), Kate Hancock, Wick Hancock, and James William Hancock (5). His second wife was a Miss Jackson of Florence, Alabama.

Selling out his interest in the firm of Hancock, Jones and Bliss, the subject of this sketch ran a grocery store on a smaller scale by himself until he died about 1888. He lived to be almost 60 years old. He had, in his day, been a high-toned gentleman, a live business man, a pleasant disposition, jovial, good natured man that everyone liked - a kind word for all and very devoted to his family.

His eldest daughter, Annie Hancock, married Colonel Woodson, of Florence, Ala. He was in business at Memphis, Tenn. when his father-in-law died. The rest of Hancock's children moved to Memphis so that Col. Woodson would be better able to look after them. Regret to have to say that Woodson's wife and the other 3 children have been dead several years. Perhaps there are two or three grandchildren now (1905) living. The widow emigrated to California.

Martha A Hancock (4)

Third child of Benjamin and Mary A. Hancock was born in Franklin Co., Ala. April 11, 1832. She, in company of some others, visited her relatives in Cannon Co., Tenn. about 1852. She married William Sugg, Esq., on November 3, 1853. Her husband was born August 17, 1821. They settled on a farm about three miles east of Russellville, Ala. where they lived happily together for almost twelve years. To them were born five children, two sons and three daughters, as follows:

Florence Sugg (5), Nannie E. Sugg (5), Benjamin Sugg (5), Isham Ross Sugg (5), Eliza Alaminta Sugg (5).

Martha A. Sugg was bereaved of her husband April 14, 1865. After liv-

ing a widow for some two or three years she married Dr. McCord of Mount Hope, Lawrence County, Ala. The doctor was a widower with several children. The subject of this sketch rented out her farm and lived with Dr. McCord at Mount Hope for several years; though they moved back to her farm about 1870/ She had one child, Effie McCord, by her second husband. Effie went to Texas in 1894 with her brother-in-law, Ollie B. Drake. She now (1905) lives with him in Waxahachie, Ellis County, Texas. Dr. McCord died about 1874. Martha A. McCord remained a widow until she was called from time to eternity, which occurred June 5, 1888. She lived to see her fifty-sixth birthday.

Florence Sugg (5)

Oldest child of William and Martha A. Sugg and granddaughter of Benjamin Hancock, was born in Franklin Co., Ala. October 7, 1854. She first visited her relatives in Cannon Co., Tenn. when about seventeen years old. On her second visit to Tenn. in 1873, she formed the acquaintance of William Franklin Sneed, of Wilson Co., Tenn., to whom she was married five years later. Their bridal trip was a visit to his mother's home in Wilson Co., Tenn. Florence heired about forty acres of her father's old farm in Franklin Co., Ala. upon which they settled about 1879. Her husband bought forty acres more adjoining his wife's. While Alabama was their home, yet they stayed in Tenn. a great deal of the time with his mother, the widow Anna Sneed. Their only child, a son, was born in Tenn. and died in infancy, and was buried at the Young Graveyard about one mile from Prosperity Baptist Church.

Leaving his wife in care of his mother, Frank Sneed went to Arkansas to sell fruit trees in 1883. On learning through a letter that he was sick, his wife went to him in Texarkanna, Arkansas, where he died April 22, 1883, only a few days after his wife reached him. His remains were brought back to

Tennessee and laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery at Prosperity Baptist Church. He had been a member of said church a number of years. He was born in Wilson Co., Tenn. June 30, 1848.

On returning to Alabama, Florence Sneed and her brother, Ben Sugg, ran a boarding house in Tuscumbia about one year. Having to give up said business on account of ill health she moved back to her mother's where she died February 21, 1888. Her brother-in-law, Ollie B. Drake, accompanied her remains to Wilson County, Tennessee; and all that is mortal of that devoted wife now reposes by the side of her husband in Prosperity Cemetery.

Benjamin Harbard Sugg '5)

Benjamin Harbard Sugg (5), eldest son and second child of William and Martha A. Sugg, was born in Franklin Co., Alabama, January 3, 1856. While growing up on his father's farm about four miles east of Russellville, he attended such schools as were taught in the neighborhood where he lived. He was bereaved of his father when about nine years old. As he was the eldest son he had to lead the way on the farm when quite young. His father had owned slaves, but just before the bereavement mentioned above "Mr. Lincoln had set free the slaves". After his mother married the second time, he lived for several years at Mount Hope, Lawrence Co., Ala. with his step-father, Dr. McCord. A short time before the death of the latter the family moved back to the Billie Sugg farm. About 1884 Ben Sugg and his sister, Florence Sneed, moved to Tuscumbia, Ala. and began running a boarding house. They were well pleased with their new business and were doing well, but they had to give up said business after they had run for about one year, and return to their old home on account of the illness and

ill health of Florence.

Bill Sugg went to Ellis County, Texas in 1893. Texas has been his home ever since. He has been so afflicted with rheumatism for the past two and one-half years, that he has not been able to do anything. He is now (1905) living with his brother-in-law, Ollie Drake, in Waxahachie, Texas. He is a Missionary Baptist.

NANNIE ELIZABETH SUGG (5)

Nannie Elizabeth Sugg (5), third child of William and Martha A. Sugg, was born January 27, 1858. She was deprived of the love, care, and affection of a kind father at the tender age of seven. This sad loss and the loss of property during the Confederate War deprived her of being better educated than she was, while growing to womanhood.

Ollie B. Drake and Nannie E. Sugg were united in marriage on December 23, 1879. They first settled in Franklin Co., Ala. but in 1894 emigrated to Waxahachie, Texas, where they now (1905) live. He is, and has been for several years, engaged in the marble business, and is doing well.

Ollie B. Drake, having business in Tennessee, has visited the writer twice; and the writer visited him in Franklin Co., Ala. before he was married. Six bright faces (whose names follow) now adorn the household of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie B. Drake:

Cornelia Drake (6), born December 24, 1881; Bernice Drake (6), born February 18, 1883; William Franklin Drake, born October 9, 1885; Gordon Drake (6), born October 3, 1887; Clyde Runyan Drake (6), born October 1889; Harold Drake (6), born September 18, 1895.

ISHAM ROSS SUGG (5)

Isham Ross Sugg (5), fourth child of William and Martha A. Sugg, and grandson of Benjamin Hancock (3), was born in Franklin County, Alabama, on October 11, 1859, and grew to manhood on a farm about four miles east of Russellville. He was left fatherless when about six years old. About 1885 he spent several weeks among his relatives in Cannon County, Tennessee. On returning to his native state, he made that his home until taken from the walks of man, which sad event occurred October 21, 1889. Neither Ross nor his brother Ben were ever married.

ELIZA ALAMINTA SUGG (5)

Eliza Alaminta Sugg (5), youngest daughter of William and Martha A. Sugg, was born December 10, 1862, during the stormy days of the War for Southern Independence. It was the good pleasure of the writer to be intimately acquainted with the subject of this sketch from her infancy to womanhood. He visited her mother, a double first cousin, many times during, and after, our Confederate War. Said visits were quite pleasant.

When about three years old Eliza A. Sugg was made an orphan by the death of her father. Her home, while growing up, was partly at her father's old place, and partly with her step-father in Mount Hope, Lawrence Co., Ala. In 1882, and again in 1883, she visited the writer and other relatives in Cannon County, Tenn. While in Tenn., she was a student for several months, in the Auburn Academy. As the writer then, as now (1905), lived $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the Academy, she boarded with the widow Maney while attending school. Owing to past favors, the writer was under special obligations to make her enjoy her visit to Tennessee. Soon after the school closed at the Academy, she retired to her old home in Alabama.

On November 21, 1888, Eliza A. Sugg and Ambrose D. McCord were made husband and wife. They first settled in Franklin County, Alabama; but in

1893, they emigrated to Ellis County, Texas, and bought a farm about six miles from Waxahachie. They lived in Ellis County about eleven years.

The following are extracts from a letter written by Eliza A. McCord and addressed to the writer:

"Bowie, Montague County, Texas.

April 18, 1905

My dear Cousin Rich:

..... We sold our little farm in Ellis County and went to Colorado last November but we only stayed about two weeks. We didn't like there at all. We went there because we had heard that it was a dry climate, and was a fine country for rheumatism, and you know I suffer so much with rheumatism. I was willing to try it a while any way. So after staying two weeks we were ready to go somewhere else. I felt like I wanted to get back as near home (in Ellis County, Texas) as possible. We are in one hundred and thirty miles of home now."

" I think that Colorado is a hard country to live in. It is the dustiest place I ever saw, and I never saw so many dissatisfied people in one place before. It is a pretty country, but oh my! a person can't live on beauty. Sugar beets and alfalfa are the chief products. They have a fine school where we went and we met some fine people, but I never could be satisfied there. I am certain the trip helped me, and the change here too; for I have been in better health than I have been in a long time. I don't suffer with rheumatism as badly as I did last fall. I had to go on crutches for a while. I am thankful to know I am much improved. I believe this country will agree with me better than Ellis County. I don't like to live here as well as I did down there. We have bought 90 acres of land with 65 A. in cultivation and 25 A. in timber. We have plenty of good wood to burn, and I do enjoy a good old fire-place. We live $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Bowie, a nice little town, and we are convenient to school
We have five or six hundred peach trees, several apple trees, a lot of

grapes and some berries. This is a fine fruit country. I like that part of it, but I don't like this sandy land as well as I do the black waxy land. We have sand storms here, but not as bad as further out west. I expect we will sell this and buy a farm close to a good town, if we can, so we can put our children in a good graded school. They are learning real fast, and I want them educated. Rivers will go to a higher school another year. He has completed two of his studies this year, Physical Geography and Civil Government. He is very apt in his studies, and we want to put him through if we possibly can. We will have four to send after this year.

Write soon to your cousin,

Eliza A. McCord."

"P. S. - I joined the Presbyterian Church when about fourteen years old."

The following are the names of the children who helped to make happy the home of Ambrose D. and Eliza Alaminta McCord:

1. Rivers Hancock McCord (6) , born December 30, 1889
2. Carrie Handle McCord, born June 15, 1891
3. Eula Bessie McCord, born October 18, 1895
4. Sadie May McCord, born March 12, 1899
5. Mary Annie McCord, born September 18, 1900

The grandfather of the Sugg children was named Benjamin Hancock and their great grandfather was Benjamin Hancock, both born in Virginia.

ELIZABETH HANCOCK (4)

Elizabeth Hancock (4), fourth child of Benjamin and Mary A. (Ramsey) Hancock, great granddaughter of John Hancock (1) of Va., was born August 23, 1834, in Franklin Co., Ala. She grew to womanhood on her father's farm near the Good Springs, four miles north of Russellville. Her grandfather, James Ramsey, was the nearest neighbor. Her paternal grandfather,

Benjamin Hancock, died about 1816, and was buried three miles east of Lebanon, in Wilson Co., Tenn. Her paternal grandmother, Anna Corn Hancock, was buried in Indiana. Elizabeth Hancock (4) was happily married on December 11, 1855, to James Morrison Orman, who was born February 6, 1824. The former made a good, true and devoted wife, while the latter made a good, true devoted husband. J. M. Orman first settled some seven or eight miles south east of Russellville where he lived for several years. He next bought and moved to his father's farm on Cedar Creek, about midway between his old place and Russellville. This was his home until he broke up house-keeping. It was the good pleasure of the writer to spend many happy hours in the hospitable home of his cousins, Morrison and Elizabeth Orman, both during and since the War for Southern Independence. Orman is a Confederate Veteran. He served in the Fourth Alabama Cavalry Regiment, General Roddy's Division. The Second Tennessee (in which the writer served) and the Fourth Alabama were frequently thrown together under Generals S. D. Lee and N. B. Forrest. To the great delight of the writer, J. M. Orman visited his relatives in Cannon County, Tennessee, in the fall of 1904. He had made another visit about eleven years previous to this.

After they had been fighting the battle of life together for twenty-one years, the pure spirit of his devoted companion winged its flight back to the God who gave it, on October 12, 1876, and her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at her home. Her husband is still (June 1905) living. He has never married again. He is in his eighty-first year but does not look to be over sixty-five. He has, for several years been making his home with his eldest son, Arthur, who now lives in Russellville, Ala. Eight children were born to J. M. and Elizabeth (Hancock) Orman as follows: William Arthur Orman (5), Mary Louella Orman (5). James Harry Orman (5), Benjamin Franklin Orman (5), Eliza Poline Orman (born June 2, 1864; died August 20, 1878), Katie Stevenson Orman (5),

Lucy Kumpee Orman (5), born July 8, 1869 and died May 29, 1870, (both of the last mentioned are buried at their father's old home) and John Edman Orman (5).

WILLIAM ARTHUR ORMAN (5)

William Arthut Orman (5), eldest son of J. M. and Elizabeth Orman, and grandson of Benjamin Hancock (3), was born in Franklin Co., Ala., December 6, 1856. He worked on his father's farm in his boyhood days and about the time he grew up to manhood he commenced clerking for Wilson Bros. in Russellville. The Wilson boys finally made him a partner and put him in charge of a stock of goods at Belgreer some eight or ten miles west of Russellville. Here he did a very successful business for several years. He quit this business about eight or ten years ago, and moved back to Russellville where he now (1905) lives. Since quitting the goods business he has been dealing in iron and lands and hardwood timber. The following will illustrate some of his successful deals: He leased an iron ore farm for 20 years, agreeing to pay a certain per cent of the money received from the ore taken from said farm. He soon after sold said lease for seventy-five thousand dollars.

William Arthur Orman and Katie Nance were married December 29, 1880. They have six children as follows: Mattie Lou Orman (6), William Arthur Orman, Jr. (6), Mary Pickens Orman (6), Elizabeth Nance Orman (6), Katie Morrison Orman (6), and Wash Nance Orman (6).

Mattie Lou Orman (6) married Coffee Johns on November 7, 1901. Mary Louella Orman, eldest daughter but second child of J. M. and Elizabeth Orman, was born March 7, 1858. She first visited her relatives in Cannon Co., Tenn., about 1871; and about six years later she made a second visit. It was during this last visit that she formed the acquaintance of

Charles M. Rich, who, two years later, went to Alabama after her. Mary Louella Orman and Charles M. Rich were united in the bonds of matrimony on October 2, 1879. A few days after the marriage, they came to Tenn. and settled on his father's farm in Wilson Co., Tenn. Only eleven months and twenty days after her marriage, Mary L. Orman Rich was called to her final reward on high and her remains were laid to rest in Prosperity Cemetery in Wilson Co., Tenn., a beautiful burial place.

As a result of a second stroke of paralysis Charles McGregor Rich died in October, 1905.

JAMES HARVEY ORMAN (5)

James Harvey Orman (5), third child of J. M. and Elizabeth Orman, was born March 27, 1859. He worked on his farm during his boyhood days. He married Ella A. Drake on May 31, 1882. He visited relatives in Cannon Co. about 1880. He settled in Russellville, Ala., where he was a successful undertaker until his death November 8, 1903. He was interred at Russellville, Ala. He left a widow and five children to mourn his passing, but left them in very good shape financially. His children were:

Hattie Orman (6) Annie Orman (6), Eugene Orman (6), Maggie Orman(6) and Helen Orman (6).

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ORMAN (5)

Benjamin Franklin Orman (5), fourth child of J. M. and Elizabeth Orman, was born March 28, 1891. After spending his boyhood days on the farm, he went to Hempstead, Texas, where he married Mattie Mahan on June 23, 1886, and returned to Alabama. In 1888, he moved to Hempstead, Waller County, Tex., where he engaged in the goods business for several years. He returned to Russellville, Ala. in 1899, and clerked for Dearing & Orman for several years. He is now(1905) running a business of his own in Russellville. To help make a

happy home there have been three children born to B. F. and Mattie Orman as follows: James Orman (6), Levy Orman, McDanal Orman, and Lucy Orman (6).

KATIE STEVEN SON ORMAN (5)

Katie Stevenson Orman (5), the sixth child of J. M. and Elizabeth Orman, was born July 1, 1867. She married John B. Reed on January 27, 1887. They settled a few miles east of Russellville in Franklin Co., Ala. She is the only living daughter and the only child of J. M. Orman who lives in this country. The following are the names of the six children who brighten the household of Katie S. and John B. Reed: Clarence Reed (6), Senie Reed (6), Eugene Reed, William J. Reed, Benjamin F. Reed and Lucy Reed (6).

JOHN EDMAN ORMAN (5)

John Edman Orman, the eighth and youngest child of J. M. and Elizabeth Orman, was born December 25, 1872. He, like his brothers, was raised on a farm, but did not like well enough to stay on it, so he quit the farm and went into the goods business with W. A. Dearing in Russellville, Ala. Dearing and Orman are now (1905) among the leading merchants of their town. Drummers say that they have the finest store in North Alabama. It is a brick building one hundred feet long by twenty-five feet wide, two stories high and a cellar the full length of the building. They keep eight regular clerks and sometimes employ several more during very busy seasons. One day in the spring of 1905, they sold \$800.00 worth of goods for cash, J. E. Orman is a good business man. He knows what he can sell; hence, he knows what to buy and therefore is a successful merchant.

John Edman Orman and Birdie Cleere were united in the bonds of matrimony on November 15, 1901. They have one son, John Edman Orman, Jr. (6).

SALLIE HANCOCK (4)

Sallie Hancock, fifth child of Benjamin (3) and Mary A. Hancock, was born about 1836, in Franklin Co., Ala. She first married Mr. Stevenson, by whom she had one daughter, Lena Stevenson (5), who grew to be a beautiful and smart woman. Lena married Richard Martin at her Aunt Mat Tyler's home in Lawrence Co., Ala., about 1890. She died about 1895 leaving a son and a daughter.

Sallie (Hancock) Stevenson's first husband lived only two or three years after their marriage. She lived only two or three years after her second marriage to a Mr. Hurst. She left no children by her second husband.

ELIZA A. HANCOCK (4)

Eliza A. Hancock (4), the sixth child of B. and M. A. Hancock, was born about 1838. While in the bloom of youth, this lovely young lady was, on February 9, 1863, called upon by the Death Angel to leave this low ground of sin and sorrow and be transplanted to that Celestial City eternal and in the Heavens,

TERRY C. HANCOCK (4)

Terry C. Hancock (4), the next youngest sister, was called home to glory on December 17, 1864.

MOLLIE HANCOCK (4)

Mollie Hancock (4), the eighth child and youngest daughter of Benjamin and Mary A. Hancock, was born about 1842. As her mother died November 29, 1864. Mollie was her father's housekeeper for several years. She had a bad sore on one leg. After going on crutches for several years, she had that limb amputated about six inches above the knee joint. She then used an artificial limb. In the spring of 1869, the writer taught school at Evening Shade, a church house four miles east of Russellville, Ala., and boarded with

his Uncle Ben and Cousin Mollie Hancock, who then lived on the William Sugg farm. The writer certainly had a pleasant home. He loved them like a father and sister; and has always regarded them as among his best friends.

Benjamin Hancock (3), his daughter Mollie, and his grand daughter, Mary Laellen Orman, visited their relatives in Middle Tenn. in the latter part of the summer of 1871.

On the 28th of September, 1871, R. R. Hancock and Sue B. Lester were married. It was quite a pleasure to the writer to have his favorite cousin, Mollie Hancock, present on that eventful occasion. She returned to Alabama the first week in October; her father and niece having preceded her about three weeks. Having previously sold his farm near the Good Springs in Franklin County, Ala. Benjamin Hancock and his daughter, Mollie, moved to a farm on the north side of the Tennessee River, a few miles west of Florence, owned by Hancock, Jones & Bliss, merchants in Florence, who wanted B. Hancock to run said farm for them. He took charge of the farm about 1872. About 1873, while visiting relatives in Russell Valley, Mollie Hancock was taken sick and died at Morrison Orman's, and her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery on the William Sugg farm. She was very handsome and had a sweet disposition - hence she was a favorite with all who knew her. She and her father were members of the Primitive Baptist Church.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HANCOCK (4)

Benjamin Hancock (4), ninth and youngest child of Benjamin (3) and Mary A. Hancock, was born about 1844. He served in the fourth Alabama Confederate Cavalry. Having been wounded a few days previous, he died October 8, 1864, in the Federal Hospital at Huntsville, Ala., and was buried there. His father died October 19, 1875, and was buried in the cemetery at Florence, Ala. Benjamin Hancock (3) was a high-toned Christian gentleman. No one stood higher than he in the estimation of the people of Russell Valley.

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CHARLES HANCOCK (3) OF Tennessee

Charles Hancock (3), sixth son of Benjamin (2) and grandson of John Hancock (1), was born in Patrick County, Va., May 28, 1798. The maiden name of his mother was Elizabeth Maddox. His father lived for several years on Cunningham Creek in Fluvanna Co., Va., on a farm of one hundred and eighty-two acres, which had been given to him by his father, John Hancock.

Records show that Benjamin had sold his farm in Fluvanna County and bought two farms in Patrick County, and had moved to that county sometime previous to the birth of his son, Charles. For the consideration of \$ 20.00 to him in hand paid, Benjamin Hancock of Patrick Co., Va., sold a farm of 70 acres to one James Via, on the 20th of December 1815, and on the next day he sold to the same man 274 acres for \$700.00. Thus he was winding up his affairs in order to emigrate to Tennessee, to which state two of his sons, Richard and Lewis, had gone about six years previous.

While on his way to Tennessee, Charles Hancock unfortunately lost his mother who was buried in Indiana, and his father who died and was buried about three miles east of Lebanon, in Wilson Co., Tenn. When this last sad bereavement occurred, he was within about 35 miles of his two brothers, Richard and Lewis, and on reaching the end of his journey he, his two brothers, James and Benjamin, and his three sisters, Mary, Nancy and Elizabeth, settled on a farm belonging to their brother Lewis, on Sycamore Creek in what was then Wilson, but now (1905) Cannon County, Tenn.

When he arrived in Tennessee the subject of this sketch was about eighteen years old. In 1820, then about twenty-two years old, Charles Hancock married Nancy Ramsey, daughter of James Ramsey, who, in 1805, emigrated from North Carolina and settled on a farm on Hurricane Creek. The Ramsey farm was

owned for many years by James Milligan and his son John, and is now (1905) owned by Wm. Vandygrift. Nancy Ramsey was born in North Carolina May 18, 1801; hence about nineteen years old at the time of her marriage.

Soon after the marriage of his daughter, James Ramsey left Tenn. and settled on a farm in Franklin Co., Ala. Benjamin Hancock followed said Ramsey and married his daughter, Mary A. Ramsey, sister to the wife of his brother Charles.

Charles Hancock bought and settled on a farm joining his father-in-law on one side, and his two brothers, Richard and Lewis, on the other. It was here that he lived for over half a century; in fact it was on this farm that he spent the remainder of his days on earth.

Farming was his occupation, and he gave more of his time to hog raising than to any other stock.

A few years after his marriage he was troubles for some years with something like white swelling. After Dr. Richmond of Wilson County cut in and took some scales from his thigh bone, he finally recovered. But he was quite unfortunate in another respect; while walking through his yard after dark, he fell over a stick of wood and threw the elbow joint of his right arm out of place. Unfortunately it was put back in place in such a manner that he was never able to use that joint any more. His right arm was as if it had but one straight bone from shoulder to wrist.

He breathed his last January 3, 1875, and his remains were laid to rest in a graveyard on C. C. Odom's farm on Hurricane Creek.

There were born to Charles and Nancy (Ramsey) Hancock eight children as follows: Patsy Hancock (4), Eliza Caroline Hancock (4), Mary L. Hancock (4), Syntha E. Hancock (4), Benjamin A. Hancock (4), Sarah Jane Hancock (4), Richard R. Hancock (4), and William C. Hancock (4)

Patsy Hancock (4), oldest child of Charles and Nancy (Ramsey) Hancock, was born about 1822 and died when about twenty years old (1842).

Mary L. Hancock (4), second child of Charles and Nancy (Ramsey) Hancock, was born in what is now Cannon County, Tenn., on December 12, 1824. She married Prestley Lester Duggin in 1844. He was born May 9, 1824, the son of James and Elizabeth Duggin.

After living on Hurricane and Sanders Fork Creeks for three or four years, they moved to west Tennessee and lived in Gibson County for about ten years. When they first moved back to middle Tenn., they lived on Hurricane Creek for about one or two years after which Prestley Duggin bought and settled on a farm on the waters of Sanders Fork Creek about four miles from Auburn in Cannon County, known as the Summar farm. He was a member of Company C, Second Tennessee Confederate Cavalry, commanded by Col. C. R. Bartian.

After enjoying life together as husband and wife for about twenty-three years, they were separated by the death of the husband, who died August 23, 1867, and his remains were laid to rest in a graveyard on Sanders Fork Creek about one mile from Auburn.

The subject of this sketch lived a widow for nearly thirty years. She and her husband were consistent members of the Missionary Baptist Church. She joined the Good Templers in her youth and kept the pledge until her death, October 4, 1898, age seventy-three years, nine months and twenty-two days. Her remains now repose by the side of her husband.

Her disposition was such that she made friends wherever she went. Consequently, she had many friends and few enemies.

Following are the names of the six sons and two daughters of Prestley and Mary L. Duggin: J. Benjamin Duggin (5), Thomas J. Duggin (5), Emerson E. Duggin (5), Richard A. Duggin (5), William H. Duggin (5), Nannie Duggin (5), Charles L. Duggin (5), and Susan J. Duggin (5).

The first two in the above list died in their infancy; the next five are now (1905) living, and the last named died when about fourteen years old.

William H. Duggin, second son of Prestley L. and Mary L. Duggin, was born in Cannon County, Tenn., May 11, 1847. He grew to manhood as a farmer boy in Gibson and Cannon Counties. In the last named county on December 17, 1874, he married Elizabeth E. Summar, daughter of Thomas and Susan Summar, who lived near Auburn, Tenn. He bought and settled on a part of his mother's farm, where he now lives. Eleven children have been born to Wm. H. and Elizabeth E. Duggin as follows: Fernando Cortez Duggin (6), was born November 6, 1875; Virgin Duggin was born December 6, 1877; Una Duggin was born October 15, 1879 and died November 23, 1892; Susan Duggin was born March 11, 1882 and married Thomas B. Willard June 5, 1901. She has one child dead and one living. Mary Duggin (6) was born May 23, 1890; Elna Duggin was born March 13, 1893; Willie Duggin was born May 28, 1895; Odessie Duggin was born October 17, 1897; Hoyte E. Duggin was born November 21, 1899.

Only one (Susan) of Wm. H. and Elizabeth E. Duggin's children is married. Their oldest daughter (Virgin) is now (1905) making her home with her uncle, Thomas J. Duggin, in Nashville, Tenn. She is a member of the Seventh Baptist Church in that city, and is a collector for said school.

Wm H. Duggin is one of the deacons of the Auburn Baptist Church.

Charlie L. Duggin, third son of Prestley L. and Mary L. Duggin was born October 9, 1850. After growing to manhood on the farm, the subject of this sketch went to Alabama, and was a student for part of one year in Col. Harris' school located in Franklin County, about four miles east of Russellville. While attending said school, he boarded with Morrison Orman, who had married his cousin.

After returning to and remaining in Tennessee for two or three years, Duggin made a second trip to Alabama in 1875. This time he raised a crop on a farm controlled by his great uncle Benjamin Hancock, who then lived in Lauderdale County, about twelve miles west of Florence, Ala. After gathering and disposing of his crop that fall, he returned to Tennessee. On July 22, 1877, he married Fannie Wood. They had two children: Florence Duggin (6), born May 3, 1878; is now Mrs. Davenport and lives on Sanders Fork Creek in Cannon County, Tenn. Johnnie L. Duggin (6) was born December 9, 1879. and died March 9, 1880.

Charlie L. Duggin was sadly bereaved by his first wife's death on April 1, 1882.

Sallie Travis became his second wife on September 5, 1887. Seven children were born to them as follows:

Lela Duggin (6), born August 6, 1888

Eda Duggin (6), born July 9, 1890

Sammie Lofton Duggin, born January 25, 1893

Vesper Duggin (6), born March 16, 1895

Daisy Duggin (6), born October 8, 1898

Walter Dradon Duggin (6), born June 1, 1902

William Thomas Duggin (6), born January 28, 1904

All of Charlie L. Duggin's children are now (1905) living except one that died in infancy as mentioned above.

When Charlie L. Duggin first married he bought and settled on a part of his mother's farm, where he lived for a number of years. About the year 1900 he sold the farm above named and bought, and moved, to a farm in the western portion of Cannon County, about one mile east of Porterfield, where he now lives.

Thomas Jefferson Duggin (5), fourth son of Prestley L. and

Mary L. Duggin (4), was born in Gibson County, west Tennessee, February 6, 1853. When about four years old he moved with his parents to Cannon County, Middle Tennessee. He, as well as his three brothers, was raised on a farm about four miles west of Auburn.

On November 27, 1873, he married Eunice L. Jones of Rutherford County, Tenn. She was born March 7, 1855. They lived for some years near Halls Hill in said county. They next moved to ,ilton in the same county, where T. J. Duggin sold goods for several years, after which he moved to Nashville, Tenn. After living at different places in that city, he finally bought, and now (1905) lives at 61 Washington St. He is now, and has been for several years, a member of the city fire department. He and his wife are members of the Central Baptist Church, of which Dr. George A. Lofton is pastor. As he now lives nearer the Seventh Baptist Church some of his children have joined the last named church.

Thomas J. and Eunice S. Duggin have ten children living and one dead as follows:

Clara M. Duggin (6), born September 5, 1874. She married Robert High July 12, 1891 and they live in Birmingham, Ala. They have two children:

Mollie C. Duggin (6), born May 14, 1876; married John P. Roberts December 10, 1901. They have one son.

Lizzie O. Duggin (6), born November 12, 1878. She married Walter K. Bush of Nashville on November 9, 1898. They have one daughter living.

Laura E. Duggin (6), born February 26, 1882; married John A. Gup-ton of Nashville, Tenn., November 12, 1901. They have two daughters.

Mattie P. Duggin (6), born October 6, 1884; married Victor C. Har-wood of Nashville, Tenn. on January 24, 1905.

Ollie M. Duggin (6), born September 25, 1886; married Ernest S. Tucker, Nashville, Tenn. on November 29, 1904.

Fannie J. Duggin (6), born May 29, 1890

Lillian K. Duggin (6), born February 28, 1892

Gladdies L. Duggin (6), born March 23, 1898

James P. Duggin (6), born June 27, 1900.

Nancy E. Duggin (5), fifth child, but ~~xxx~~ the oldest daughter of Prestley L. and Mary L. Duggin, and granddaughter of Charles Hancock (3), was born in Gibson County, West Tenn., July 15, 1855. When about two or three years old her parents came back to Cannon Co., Tenn., where the subject of this sketch grew to womanhood. About 1895 she married a widower, Walter Roper, who was born, raised and educated in London, England. He claims to have been a student under the great Baptist divine, Charles H. Spurgeon. He (Roper) and his father were ship builders. After living in Texas for several years, he came to DeKalb Co., Tenn., about 1894. The first year after marriage, they lived with Nancy's mother in Cannon County, Tenn.

After living for six or eight years in DeKalb and Warren Counties, Tenn., Nancy and Walter Roper moved to Mulat in Santa Rosa County, in the northwestern portion of Florida, where they now (1905) live. One daughter, Maud Roper (6) has been born to them

Richard H. Duggin (5), fifth son of Mary L. and Prestley L. Duggin, was born January 28, 1858. He grew to manhood on a farm about four miles from Auburn in Cannon Co., Tenn. Having attended school more than his brothers, he had a little the advantage of them in point of education. He taught school in several places. On September 18, 1889, he married Martha L. Summar, daughter of William H. Summar. Martha was born May 26, 1870.

He first settled in Cannon Co., Tenn., but soon after moved to Franklin Co., Ala., and after remaining there only about one year he came back to Tenn. He is now (1905) living in Rutherford Co. near Murfreesboro, Tenn. Eight children have been born to them, three of whom died in infancy: William P. Duggin (6), Jennie May Duggin (6) and a son (6) unnamed.

The following five are living: Lou L. Duggin (6), born May 10, 1890.

R. Oscar Duggin (6), born Sept. 11, 1893

M. Irene Duggin (6), born Nov. 1, 1895

Charles H. Duggin (6), born July 29, 1900

Eva C. Duggin (6), born August 6, 1903.

BENJAMIN ALEXANDER HANCOCK (4) AND Children

He whose name stands at the head of this chapter was the third child, but oldest son of Charles (3) and Nancy Ramsey Hancock. Benjamin (4) was a grandson of Benjamin (2) and great grandson of John Hancock (1), who died in Patrick co., Va. in 1802. When he grew large enough to work on the farm, his father was afflicted for years with something like white swelling; therefore, the son was the main dependence for support of a family of eight. Though he had some hired help besides that of his mother and five sisters, he certainly had a 'hard row to weed' during his boyhood days. He had but little time for pleasure, and no time to attend school while crops were on hand. He usually had the pleasure of attending the public schools in the neighborhood from one to two months each year just after laying by the corn crop and treading out the wheat on the barn floor with horses. Threshers were then a thing of the future.

I should have mentioned that he was born Feb. 22, 1827, in what was then Wilson, but now Cannon County, Tenn., about 3 miles from Auburn, southeast

After growing to manhood on his father's farm he went to school at Auburn to Prof. A. J. Brandon, Sr. He next went to Alabama and boarded with his uncle Benjamin Hancock (3), who lived in Franklin Co., and he went to school there to a Mr. Brown, who was teaching only about one-half mile from his uncle Benjamin's. Mr. Brown proved to be a good teacher, though it made little difference what kind of an instructor the subject of this sketch had, for it was no trouble for him to learn, even if he had a sorry teacher!

On returning to Tenn. he made several trips to Georgia with hogs. One year he and Joseph H. Kennedy bought several hundred head of fat hogs and drove them on foot to Chattanooga, Tenn., and then by rail to Covington, Ga., where they sold out at a profit of about fourteen hundred dollars.

When about twenty-eight years old he decided to make a surveyor of himself and go to Texas to practice his profession. In order to prepare himself fully for his chosen occupation, he entered college at Woodbury, Tenn. Moses McKnight, who afterwards became a noted Captain under Gen. N. B. Forrest, and when last heard from was living in Waxahachie, Texas, was then president of said college.

Instead of going to Texas, as he anticipated on leaving college, B. A. Hancock formed a partnership with John F. Weedon of Woodbury, and they opened up a stock of goods in 1856, in a house belonging to John W. Hays, Esq. in Wilson Co., Tenn., about one and a half miles northeast of Auburn. About December of 1856 they moved their stock of goods to Old Auburn. The house they occupied stood on the bank of Sanders Fork Creek opposite the mouth of the McBroom branch. No house is there now (1905).

In 1857 John F. Weedon bought a farm in and around where Auburn now is, and had the dwelling house put up which is now occupied by Dr. B. R. McKnight, and he also had the storehouse built which is now occupied by W. R. Robinson & Co. About the latter part of 1857, Weedon & Hancock moved their stock of goods from Old Auburn into Weedon's new store, where they remained in business together until the beginning of the war for Southern Independence in the spring of 1861.

On January 3, 1858 Benjamin A. Hancock married a widow, Mrs. Nancy Elizabeth Clark. Her maiden name was Kennedy, daughter of William and Drucilla (Hobson) Kennedy. Having previously bought the Mat Bogle farm, about one mile east of Auburn in Cannon County, it was on said farm that they com-

menced housekeeping soon after they were married. So he was now both farmer and merchant.

Since the north was not willing to let the South depart in peace, he decided that it was his duty to help defend his native land against Northern invasion, oppression and coercion. Therefore, on June 26, 1861, having left his farm, his devoted companion and his two precious boys in the care of his brother-in-law, Shelley Kennedy, B. A. Hancock started to Nashville with Capt. T. M. Allison's Company, and two days later was mustered into the service of his native state, with said company, which a few days later became Company E of the First Battalion of Tennessee Cavalry, commanded by Colonel Frank N. McNary. His only brothers, Richard R. and William C. Hancock, were mustered into service at the same time, and in the same company.

Setting out from Camp Jackson, near Hendersonville, in Sumner Co., Tenn., on the 31st of July, the First Battalion arrived at Camp Schuyler, near Wartburg in Morgan Co., east Tenn., on August 14, 1861. William C. had the measles while at this Camp, and Benjamin A. took him home as soon as he was able to travel. Benjamin rejoined his Company, Sept. 9th, in Overton Co., Tenn., and the next day the First Battalion started to Knoxville, arriving at that place Sept. 15, 1861. Being attached to Zollicoffer's Brigade, we next moved into Kentucky by way of Cumberland Gap.

About this time B. A. Hancock was made assistant Commissary of the First Battalion, an office which he was amply able to fill; in fact he was fully competent to have filled any office from Colonel down to Corporal.

After feeling of the Federal position at Rockcastle or Wildcat, Gen. Zollicoffer returned to east Tenn. by way of Cumberland Gap. Entering Kentucky again further west, he established his encampment at Mill Springs, Ky. on the Cumberland River, mostly on the north side. The First Battalion camped on the south side of said river and therefore was not in the battle of Fishing Creek where Gen. Zollicoffer was killed.

When the First Battalion fell back through middle Tenn. with Gen. A. S. Johnston's army to north Mississippi in March, 1862, B. A. Hancock stopped at home for a few days. He rejoined his command at Burnsville, in Tishomingo Co., Miss., on April 23, 1862.

He now remained with Allison's Company, doing regular duties of a soldier until he served out the time for which he had enlisted, twelve months. As he was over thirty-five years old, the first conscript law did not retain him in the service; therefore, about the last of June, 1862, while the First Battalion was camped near Fulton, Miss., B. A. Hancock was honorably discharged and returned home in Middle Tennessee. He did not enter the Confederate States Army any more, but remained in full sympathy with the South as long as the war lasted.

Having learned that his oldest brother, Richard R., was severely wounded, but still living, he went to Henry Co., West Tenn., in May, 1865, and brought his brother home. His brother, Richard R., was confined to bed for about one year after the war closed.

In 1868, B. A. Hancock commenced the goods business again at Auburn, with James W. Kennedy. Hancock & Kennedy were in business together only about three years when the latter died, and the former sold out.

Beginning in 1874 Hancock sold goods three or four years in a house that stood in one corner of his yard. In 1882 he lost his dwelling with nearly all its contents by fire. He and his wife were badly burned, though both recovered. The manner in which his neighbors put up another dwelling for him free of charge showed that he had many good friends. In less than two weeks another dwelling was ready for him to move into.

About 1886 he sold his farm on Sanders Fork Creek and bought a smaller one about one mile farther east, where he lived the remainder of his days on earth. He joined the Auburn Missionary Baptist Church about the

time he grew to manhood, and remained a member of said Church as long as he lived. He was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on the 19th of Sept. 1854, by Milton Lodge No. 203, Free and Accepted Masons. Soon after the above date he was made a Royal Arch Mason.

When his neighbors requested him to make settlements for them, he could soon make the settlement so plain that both parties would be satisfied. He seldom if ever erred in judgment.

He was a well read man, had a good memory by which to retain the substance of what he read, and he knew how to impart his store of information to others in a way that it would be interesting to them.

Prof. George McKnight, who was well educated and a fine teacher, once said, "Ben Hancock is the best conversationalist it has ever been my good pleasure to meet."

The manner in which he was snatched from time to eternity is very sad indeed. On the 19th of Sept. 1892, he was thrown from a wagon loaded with fodder, by his team running away. Said fall resulted in death in a few moments.

His wife, Nancy Elizabeth, was born Feb. 6, 1833. She departed this life May 3, 1897. They were kind and generous almost to a fault. But few parents were ever more devoted to their children than they. Richard R. Hancock was in debt to them for the little education he received and many other favors.

Their remains are at rest in the family graveyard one mile east of Auburn, where they lived for many years. Nine children were born to them: Boliver Hancock (5), Cortez Hancock (5), Lillian Hancock (5), N. Drucilla Hancock (5), Mollie Hancock (5), William Hancock (5), Benjamin F. Hancock (5), Plato Hancock (5), and Mamie Hancock (5).

Boliver Hancock (5) was born Dec. 6, 1858; died Oct. 25, 1861.

Cortez Hancock (5) was born Feb. 19, 1860; died Oct. 18, 1861

Lillian Hancock (5), oldest daughter of B. ... Hancock, and great

great granddaughter of John Hancock (1) of Patrick Co., Va., was born in Cannon County, Tenn. April 15, 1862. As she grew to womanhood, she attended the country schools in the neighborhood of where her father then lived, which was about one mile east of Ayburn.

Lillian Hancock (5) married Benjamin F. Odom, Sept. 6, 1863. The latter was born Sept. 12, 1855. He is the son of James H. and Susie (Owen) Odom, and grandson of Franklin Odom. He lived for several years on his father's farm on Hurricane Creek. In 1889 he bought and moved to a part of R. A. Hancock's farm on Sycamore Creek, where he now lives (1905). They had ten children: 1. Enzo Odom, born July 20, 1884 (6)

2. Mollie Odom (6), born March 2, 1886

3. Frank Odom (6), born July 14, 1887; died age 1 mo, 11 days.

4. Beatrice Odom (6), born March 1, 1889

5. Grady Odom (6), born November 10, 1891

6. Marshall Odom, born September 13, 1894

7. Gilbert Odom, born January 20, 1897

8. Selma Odom, (6), born October 6, 1899

9. Kittie Lee Odom, born April 15, 1902

10. Victor Owen Odom (6), born February 29, 1904

Nancy Drucilla Hancock (5), second daughter of Ben A. and Nancy Elizabeth Hancock, was born April 12, 1864. A. L. Odom, brother to Benjamin F. Odom mentioned in preceding sketch, was born in Cannon Co., Tenn., Nov. 25, 1859, and on Sept. 18, 1884 he became the husband of Nancy Drucilla Hancock. The two brothers Ben and Lon Odom, and the two sisters, Lillie and Drew, lived together for a while on Hurricane Creek.

The two brothers bought and moved to the Hancock farm on Sycamore Creek in 1889, where they lived in the same house for several years. About 1894 they put up another house on the Hancock farm and Lon moved his family into it. About 1899 he sold his interest in the Hancock farm to his brother

Ben, and bought Brown Milligan's farm which joins his brother's farm. Lon is still living at the Milligan farm.

L. A. and Nancy Drucilla (Hancock) Odom had the following children:

1. Ora Odom (6), born June 19, 1885
2. James Morton Odom (6), born November 15, 1887
3. Lizzie Lee Odom (6), born December 8, 1892
4. Ada Mae Odom (6), born July 15, 1896; died Sept. 21, 1896.

Mollie Hancock (5), third daughter of Ben A. and Nancy Elizabeth Hancock, was born in Cannon County, Dec. 18, 1865. She grew to womanhood on her father's farm about one mile east of Auburn. She attended the best schools in the neighborhood in which she was reared.

Mollie Hancock became the bride of James Dallas Odom Dec. 18, 1890. Dallas was born July 15, 1870. and is the fourth son of James H. and Susie (Owen) Odom. Thus we find that three of James H. Odom's sons married three of Ben A. Hancock's daughters. J. Dallas and Mollie (Hancock) Odom had these children::

1. Benjamin Hubert Odom (6), born March 24, 1892
2. Hop Odom, born July 27, 1895; d. Aug. 25, 1895.
3. James Tilden Odom (6), born July 27, 1897
4. Leona Corine Odom (6), born Oct. 22, 1901

Several years ago James H. Odom bought a part of the Jim Higgins farm and moved to it. Said farm joins his old place. After living on his father's old place for several years, J. Dallas Odom bought said farm from his father and continued to live on it until 1904. All his children having left him, James H. Odom requested his son, Dallas, to move into the house with him. He complied with his father's request and now (1905) lived with his father on Hurricane Creek about four miles south east of Auburn.

The three sons-in-law of Benjamin A. Hancock are members of the In-

dependent Order of Odd Fellows, and also members of the Missionary Baptist Church. Their wives are also members of same faith .

William Scipio Hancock (5), third son but seventh child of B. A. and Nancy Elizabeth Hancock, was born in Cannon Co., April 25, 1868. He grew to manhood on a farm one mile east of Ayburn. Farming was his occupation. He died when twenty-five years old. His remains were laid to rest in the family graveyard on his father's old farm, only a few hundred yards from where he was born and raised.

Benjamin Franklin Hancock (5), next older brother to Wm. Scipio Hancock, was born August 2, 1870, in Cannon County, Tennessee. After he became large enough to work on the farm, he helped raise a crop each summer.

After the death of his father in 1892, he still lived with his mother until her death on May 3, 1897. Frank and his youngest brother, Plato, were now left by themselves, as their three sisters had married. After they finished the crop that they had commenced before their mother died, they broke up housekeeping and have made their home with their sisters most of the time since then.

Plato Hancock (5), youngest son of B. A. and Nancy Elizabeth Hancock, was born Oct. 11, 1874. About 1899 the two brothers went to Central Texas and remained there about one year. Soon after returning to Tenn., Plato went to Missouri, and raised one crop with his Aunt Caroline Armstrong's boys, then returned to Tennessee again. Frank and Plato Hancock went to Hunt County, Texas in 1904.

Mamie Hancock (5), youngest child of B. A. and Nancy Elizabeth Hancock, was born January 8, 1878, but died in infancy.

SARAH JANE HANCOCK (4) and her children

Sarah Jane Hancock (4) was the fourth child of Charles (3) and Nancy Ramsey Hancock, born in Cannon County, Tenn. July 27, 1830.

The little education that she obtained while growing to womanhood was from the old Field school in the neighborhood in which she resided.

She married Thomas Ford on December 28, 1850. The latter was born March 30, 1825. They emigrated to Georgia, where Thomas Ford followed over-seeing for about three years. He then moved back to Tenn., and bought a farm on Sycamore Creek in Cannon County. He had been in his new home but a few months when his wife died on August 23, 1854.

In 1835 he married Miss Jane Ramsey of Franklin County, Ala., a cousin to his first wife. He was left a widower again on Dec. 26, 1860. Thomas Ford had no children by his last wife, but his first wife left two daughters. Leaving his farm and two children in care of his brother Moses, he entered the Confederate Army, and was killed in a skirmish with the Federals near Temperance Hall, in DeKalb County, Tenn., on July 23, 1863, and his remains were laid to rest near Mount Zion Baptist Church on Smith Fork's Creek in DeKalb County, Tenn.

Nancy Ann Ford(5), daughter of Thomas and Sarah Jane Ford, was born in Georgia, October 4, 1851. She came to Tenn. with her parents when in her second year, and was left an orphan while in her twelfth year. Until her marriage she lived with her Grandpa Hancock. She married John Young, son of Joseph Young of Wilson Co., Tenn. John was born November 26, 1850. He first settled on the farm owned by his wife in Cannon County, and then to his grandfather's farm near Watertown. Three children were born to the as follows: Frank C. Young (6), born Oct. 27, 1871; died January 5, 1879. Otha Jane Young (6), born September 19, 1873; died

January 18, 1879. Octa Mae Young (6), born May 10, 1875; died Dec. 18, 1878. All three died in one month of diphtheria.

In August 1873 the farm which Thomas Ford left to his children was sold and the proceeds divided between his two children. About 1882 John Young bought and moved to a farm on Sycamore Creek in Cannon Co., Tenn. It was here he died July 3, 1883.

Nancy A. Young (5) married William Robinson on March 12, 1885. He was from DeKalb County, a widower with seven children by his first wife, and three by his last. These three are now living (1906):

1. Anna H. Robinson (6), born November 19, 1888
2. Thomas L. Robinson (6), born December 1, 1890
3. Eva Robinson (6) born December 20, 1894

William Robinson and his second wife lived happily together until the death angel visited the husband on June 27, 1901. His remains were laid to rest in a graveyard on his farm. His widow still (1906) occupies the old farm place.

On hearing his wife express a wish that she had the education a certain lady in Alexandria had, Mr. Robinson said, "Nan, you are filling a more honorable place than she is, " meaning a step-mother's place. In the fall of 1895 Nancy A. Robinson spent about one month with her sister, Eliza, in Hunt County, Texas.

Eliza Frances Ford (5), second and youngest child of Thomas and Sarah J. Ford, was born in Cannon Co., Tenn., August 8, 1853. She had the misfortune to be left motherless at about one year old. She grew to womanhood with her uncle James Ford of Round Top, Wilson Co., Tennessee.

Eliza F. Ford and R. B. Ewing were married Sept. 2, 1868. The latter was born Sept. 3, 1844. They emigrated to Hunt Co., Texas,

in 1870. There was born to this union four children as follows:

Jennie Mai Ewing (6), born October 14, 1869. She married J. O. Hayter January 14, 1887. He was born May 22, 1865. He is now (1906) a prosperous merchant of Greeneville, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Hayter have been blessed with five children as follows: Annie Maud Hayter (7), John Oliver Hayter (7), Kittie Jewel Hayter (7), Florence Velma Hayter and Aubrey Hayter (7). Annie Maud died in 1889; John Oliver died in infancy.

Elmer L. and Thomas Ewing (6), twins of R. B. and Eliza F. Ewing, were born May 7, 1873. Elmer L. Ewing died Jan. 1876.

Thomas Weldon Ewing married Nettie Blount August 24, 1896. She was born in Collins County, Texas on March 11, 1875. This union has been blessed with four children as follows:

1. Bransford Weldon Ewing (7) born March 3, 1898
2. Winnie Ewing (7), born July 28, 1899
3. Estelle Ewing (7), born July 31, 1901; died June 17, 1902.
4. Raymond Ewing (7), born June 22, 1905.

Thomas Weldon Ewing is a farmer and lives in Quinlan, Hunt Co., Texas.

R. Bransford Ewing died March 4, 1876. His widow, Eliza F. Ewing married J. A. Willoughby September 9, 1877. He was born in South Carolina, September 15, 1833. To them were born five children:

1. Florence Willoughby (6), born August 12, 1878; died in 1880.
2. Mattie Willoughby (6), born December 30, 1880
3. Hatteras Willoughby (6), born May 6, 1883
4. James Anson Willoughby (6), born September 22, 1887
5. Elizabeth Willoughby (6), born Dec. 31, 1889; died Sept. 1890.

Mattie Willoughby was married to Louis Andrews July 12, 1900. They had one child, Lois Maurine (6). They live at Greeneville, Texas.

ELIZA CAROLINE HANCOCK (4) and her descendants

Eliza Caroline (4), the fifth child of Charles (3) and Nancy Hancock, was born in Cannon Co., Tenn. Aug. 30, 1832. After growing to womanhood at the place of her birth, she married Monroe Ramsey of Franklin Co., Ala., on Jan. 18, 1860. They lived for about one year on Hurricane Creek, after which they moved to Phillips Co., Ark., and settled near Helena. The Confederate War broke out about this time, so, after remaining in Arkansas about one year, moved back to Cannon County, Tenn.

Leaving his wife in care of her father, Monroe Ramsey joined the Confederate Army, and was soon after captured and sent to a Northern prison where he died, leaving a widow and two daughters. His eldest daughter, S. Alice Ramsey (5), born Dec. 12, 1860; married G. W. Collins on Jan. 4, 1883. They emigrated to Missouri in Oct. 1886, and settled near Kerrigan in Wayne County. In Nov. 1905 they moved to Taft Indian Territory.

Elenora J. Ramsey (5), second and youngest daughter of Monroe and E. Caroline (Hancock) Ramsey, was born March 27, 1862 and married William K. Bryson Jan. 6, 1881. They emigrated to Wayne County, Mo. in Feb. 1887. In Nov. 1905 they moved to Taft Indian Territory, where they now (1906) live. They have six children as follows:

1. Durie May Bryson, oldest, born Oct 14, 1881; died June 26, 1901
2. Albert Dalton Bryson(6), second child, was born May 25, 1884; Married Lillie. . . ? July 3, 1904. He first settled in Missouri, but now lives in the Taft Indian Territory.
3. Nancy Bryson (6) was born October 28, 1886
4. Dora Bell Bryson (6) was born July 22, 1891
5. Delia Pearl Bryson (6) was born November 17, 1899
6. William Delmar Bryson.

The widow, Eliza Caroline Ramsey (4) married John K. Armstrong on Dec. 6, 1868. She bought and settled on a part of her father's farm where she lived for nearly eighteen years. In Oct. 1886, she and family bid farewell to the old homestead and emigrated to Wayne County, Missouri, where she lived about fourteen years.

1. William T. Armstrong (5), oldest child of John K. and Eliza C. Armstrong, was born Jan. 12, 1869. He married Bell Knox July 14, 1901, in Wayne County, Missouri, where he is now (1906) on a farm of his own. They have two children, Emma Caroline (6) and Allie May Armstrong (6).

2. Richard A. Armstrong (5) was born June 11, 1871, and was married to Cassie Munn June 28, 1903. They have one child, Nora May Armstrong (6). R. A. Armstrong's farm joins that of his brother Will.

3. Benjamin F. Armstrong (5) was born March 8, 1873, and died unmarried in Wayne County, Missouri, Oct. 29, 1900.

John K. Armstrong died on April 4, 1899, and his companion followed Jan. 7, 1900.

Syntha E. Hancock (4), sixth child of Charles and Nancy Hancock, was born May 18, 1836, and died Oct. 18, 1873. She married Richard Monroe Hancock, her second cousin.

RICHARD RAMSEY HANCOCK (4) and Children.

I, R. R. Hancock, next to the youngest child of Charles and Nancy (Ramsey) Hancock, grandson of Benjamin, and great grandson of John Hancock (1), born in Cannon County, Tenn., on Aug. 2, 1840.

My father being a farmer, I helped raise a crop every year after I was large enough, until my nineteenth year. In 1859, I went to school ten months to Profs. Crane and Rice at the Auburn Academy, and at the same time I went to Woodbury every Saturday after the Auburn mail. Then

we had one mail per week, now (1905) three mails per day. In the spring of 1861, I again attended school for five months at the Auburn Academy with Prof. Palmer as teacher.

On June 26, 1861 I left Auburn with Capt. T. M. Allison's Company, which two days later was mustered into the service of our native State at Nashville for twelve months. The first week in July said Company became Company E of the First Battalion of Tenn. cavalry commanded by Lieut. Col. F. N. McNairy.

I wish to say here that if any wish to follow my activities during our war for Southern Independence, read Hancock's Diary, a book of 644 pages. It is a history of whatever army I served with in the Confederate War, also a history of Forrest's Cavalry.

The First Battalion was on duty at Iuka, Mississippi, when the Battle of Shiloh was fought.

April 5 and 7, 1862, North Miss. was our base of operations from this to the close of the war, though we were under quite a number of different Commanders.

Between daylight and sun up on the thirtieth of May, about twelve hundred Federal Cavalry took quiet possession of Booneville, Miss., a small station on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad a few miles south of Corinth. They captured a train of cars, loaded with arms and ammunition, and about five hundred prisoners. Though the prisoners were sick, there were convalescents and nurses. They found no armed force to defend the place. About the time the Federals had set fire to the train of cars and formed the prisoners in line ready to march off, about eighty of the First Battalion, coming upon the scene, made a dashing charge, released the prisoners and saved two boxes of the train of cars and the engine. We had one man

Near Fulton, Miss. on June 12, 1862, the Second Tennessee Regiment of Cavalry was organized by consolidating the First and Seventh Battalions, and electing C. R. Bartian, Colonel; George H. Morton, Lieut- Col.; and Wm. Parrish, Major.

Being attached to F. C. Armstrong's Brigade of Cavalry, the Second Tenn. went with him on an expedition into West Tenn. starting near Guntown, Miss., Aug. 22, 1862. On Sept. 1, Armstrong met, engaged and defeated about eighteen hundred Federals under Col. Dennis, near Den - mark seven miles from Jackson, Tenn.

Armstrong captured two pieces of artillery, a part of the enemy's train, and two hundred and thirteen prisoners. My horse was shot from under me in this action. Armstrong joined Gen. Price at Baldwin, Miss., on Sept 9th. The next day Gen. Price took the field for Iuka, Miss., with the Second Tenn. as advance guard. On the 14th, as we approached Iuka, the enemy retreated, leaving a considerable amount of stores for us. On Sept. 19th a part of of Price's army under Gen. Little engaged and repulsed about nine thousand Federals under Gen. Rosecrans. The loss was heavy on both sides, Gen. Little of Missouri was among the slain.

Retracing his steps by the way of Baldwin, Gen. Price formed a junction with Van Dorn at Ripley, Miss., Oct. 2nd. The Second Tenn. was left to do picket duty along the Mobile and Ohio Railroad between Baldwin and Corinth. Having failed to carry the enemy's works at Corinth on Oct. 3 and 4, Price and Van Dorn retreated toward Holly Springs, Miss.

I was captured at Guntown, Miss., Dec. 15, 1862, and paroled at Iuka, Miss. ten days later. After being exchanged, I rejoined Company C, Second Tenn., near Okolona, Miss., May 25, 1863.

During the summer of 1863, the Second Tenn. had met, engaged,

and drove the enemy before them at Palo Alto, Birmingham, near Tupelo and Mud Creek, all in Mississippi.

With Ross and Ferguson's Brigades of Cavalry (the Second Tenn. belonged to the latter) and three pieces of artillery, Gen. S. D. Lee set out from Pontatoc, Miss. Oct. 6, 1863, and arrived at South Florence, Ala, the 9th. Here Gen. Lee formed a junction with Gen. Joe Wheeler, who had swung around from Chattanooga through middle Tenn. and destroyed a large train of wagons with supplies for Rosecrans at Chattanooga. One object of our movement was to assist Wheeler in passing to the south side of the river. Another object was to impede the progress of Gen. Sherman who was then marching eastward along the Memphis and Charleston Railroad with about twenty thousand men to reinforce Rosecrans at Chattanooga. On Oct. 21st, about fifteen miles west of Tuscumbia, Ala. Gen. Ferguson threw forward the Second Tenn., dismounted against Sherman's encampment.

The Federals being taken completely by surprise, and having timber to protect us, we made it lively for that encampment for two hours. When ordered to fall abck by a courier from Gen. Ferguson, the Federals were kind enough to allow us to move back our horses, mount and march off, unmolested.

This was one of our best fights; our loss, strange to say, was one killed and about eight wounded, two mortally. E. D. Thomas of Company C, being among the wounded fell into the hands of the enemy. Sherman told Thomas that he had one hundred men killed. Thomas said he counted forty ambulances in one train loaded with wounded, all Federals except two.

Four days later Gen. Ferguson, with the Second Tenn., engaged and routed the First Alabama Federal Cavalry on the Eastport Fulton road. S. D. Lee's division returned to Okolona, Miss., Nov. 15, 1863.

It was about this time that Gen. M. B. Forrest took command of Department composed of North Miss. and West Tenn. After hard begging the Second Tenn. was transferred from Ferguson's Brigade to Bell's Brigade of Forrest's command, on the 27th of Jan. 1864. We were under that distinguished Commander from the above date until the War closed.

Our first action under Forrest began early in the morning of the 22nd of Feb. at Okolona, and night closed the engagement after the enemy, under Smith, had been driven fifteen miles back toward Memphis, Tenn. Col. Jeff E. Forrest, brother to our General, was among the slain that day.

Next morning moving into West Tenn. Forrest captured four hundred and seventy-five men and three hundred horses at Union City, and on March 25th, he entered Paducah, Ky. He held the place about ten hours and could have remained longer, but small pox was raging, so he withdrew four miles south. We brought some fifty prisoners, about four hundred horses and mules, and a very large supply of clothing and Quartermaster stores.

On April 12, 1864, within about twenty minutes after Forrest ordered Jacob Gans to sound the charge Fort Pillow was ours, and the garrison were killed, wounded, or captured, but not massacred as the North would have you believe.

On June 10, at Brice's Cross Road, Miss., Gen. Forrest, with about three thousand two hundred men, completely routed about eight thousand seven hundred Federals under Gen. Sturgis.

The writer (Richard R. Hancock) was with Col. Bartian, who with about two hundred of the Second Tenn., attacked the enemy in his rear. Brice's Cross Roads is said to be one of the greatest cavalry victories of the world.

On July 14, at Harrisburg, Miss., by order of Gen. S. D. Lee,

our division under Gen. Buford, charged the enemy's breast works, but we were forced to fall back with heavy loss on our side. My brother, William C. Hancock, was among the slain. The enemy under A. J. Smith retreated toward Memphis, Tenn. the next day.

On Aug. 21st Gen. Forrest went into the city of Memphis, but he did not try to take the forts. He brought off about 600 prisoners and 400 horses. The flag bearer of the Second Tenn., Henry C. Odom, was shot down but not mortally wounded, and our flag fell into the hands of the enemy. It is now at Springfield, Illinois.

Our next expedition was into Middle Tenn. On Sept 21, 1864, we forded the Tenn. River at the lower extremity of Colbert's Shoals about seven miles from Cherokee, Ala. Forrest sent back from here about 1,900 prisoners and 20 captured wagons loaded with army stores, and then there were more stores than his command could carry away.

There was a lengthy, tall trestle on the Nashville and Decatur Railroad about eleven miles north of Athens, and about 1,000 men had been placed in a strong position to guard said trestle, known as Sulphur Trestle. On the 25th, after Capt. Morton had killed about 200 and wounded about 30 with his artillery, the rest of the garrison at Sulphur Trestle capitulated.

After having some skirmishing at Pulaski, Forrest turned eastward in the direction of Tullahoma, and when within fifteen miles he learned from his scouts that a heavy Federal force had been put afield after him. This caused a change in his plans of operations.

He here divided his command, sending one-half back by the way of Huntsville, Ala. under Gen. Buford, while he with the other half swung around by the way of Spring Hill, Columbia, and Lawrenceburg to Florence, Ala., reaching the last named place before 'day on Oct. 6th.

The Second Tenn. was left to hold the enemy in check at Cypress Creek, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Florence, while Gen. Forrest finished throwing his command to the south bank of the Tenn. river. About five days later we effected a crossing.

By nightfall on Oct. 28, 1864, Forrest had planted a battery at Paris Landing and one at Fort Heiman, five miles below on the west bank of the Tenn. River. The next day we captured a transport loaded with supplies for Sherman's Army.

On the 30th the Second Tenn. was deployed in line several paces apart along the bank of the river, a few hundred yards below Paris Landing to watch the maneuvers of a gunboat, which was then between our batteries, some distance below us. I was sitting on the ground facing the river when a shell from said gun boat, passing only a few paces in front of me, fell and exploded some thirty yards above, a piece of which flying back struck me at the upper extremity of my right thigh, cut off the end of my backbone and lodged in my left hip, producing as our surgeons thought, a mortal wound. The piece of shell was taken out that afternoon. It weighs $8\frac{1}{2}$ ounces. The next day I was taken to Mr. E. J. McFarland's, who then lived ten miles from the river on the road leading to Paris, where I remained until the war closed.

One of my comrades, B. D. Ewing, who proved to be an extra good nurse, remained with me. Dr. A. J. Weldon, who died a few months ago, was my physician, and was one of the best men I have ever met.

When the war closed my brother, B. A. Hancock, came after me and I arrived at his home, one mile east of Auburn, in Cannon County, Tenn. on June 5, 1865. I lacked twenty-three days being gone four years. On Aug. 2, 1865, Dr. Avant of Murfreesboro, Tenn., took out nine loose pieces of my backbone, and on the 2nd of Nov. following, he took out

three. And on April 11, 1866 he took out one, which proved to be the last loose piece. I was confined to my bed about eighteen long months. I had sufficiently recovered by August 30, 1866 to start to school to Prof. L. D. Stroud at the Auburn Academy.

Fortunately for me, he was the best teacher I had ever been under as a student. This was my last school. In 1867 I taught school for about six months, in Freestone County, Texas. In 1868 I taught two terms in the Young school house in Wilson County, Tenn.

In the spring of 1869 I taught at Evening Shade, Franklin, County, Ala., and boarded with my uncle Ben Hancock, who then lived on his daughter's farm four miles east of Russellville, Ala.

In the fall of 1869 I taught at the Sulphur Well Academy in Henry County, Tenn. On Sept. 27, 1871 I married Sue Lester, daughter of Harrison and Adeline Lester, who lived about one mile from Cainsville. Prior to my marriage, beginning about the first of 1870, I sold goods with S. T. Kennedy for three years at Cainsville, Wilson Co., Tenn.

Sue and I commenced housekeeping at Cainsville. In 1873 I taught two terms of school near Cainsville. In December of that year I moved to the farm on which I now (1905) live, one and a half miles east of Auburn, in Cannon County, Tenn. While farming has been my principal occupation since moving to my present home, yet I have taught several schools and was in the goods business for four years.

I joined the Missionary Baptist Church at Auburn in 1856, and I am now one of the deacons and treasurer of said church. I was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, by Milton Lodge No. 203, located at Milton, Rutherford County, Tennessee.

William C. Hancock Camp No. 944, United Confederate Veterans was organized at Auburn in May 1897. I have been the adjutant ever since

the camp was organized. I am the only member of my father's family living (1905). My dear companion was taken from me in 1901.

Her grandfatherm Prestley Lester and his brother, Joshus, were two noted pioneer Baptist preachers. He father, who died in 1854, was said to be the most intelligent man in the Cainsville District, Her mother's maiden name was Jarman.

1. Ida Hancock (5), oldest daughter of R. R. and Su B. Lester Hancock, was born Dec. 7, 1874. She was educated at the Auburn Academy and the Peabody Normal College for teachers in Mashville, Tenn. She has been a very successful teacher.

2. Bertha Hancock (5), secpnd daughter, was born in Cannon Co., Tenn. on Feb. 2, 1877 She married Earstus Groom Dec. 19, 1900. They now (1906) live on Marshall Creek about one mile from Auburn, Tenn. She has lost an infant son and daughter, but has two daughters living, Eva Groom (6) and Fannie Groom (6). Her husband is a farmer and carpenter, and both are Missionary Baptists.

3. Ethel Hancock (5), thirs daughter of R. R. Hancock and wife Sue B., was born Nov. 14, 1879. She was educated at the Auburn and Prosperity Academies. She is now (1906) keeping house for her father.

4. Hubert Harrison Hancock (5), fourth child, was born Aug. 13, and died July 30, 1883.

5. Fannie Lester Hancock (5), fifth child, was born Feb. 16, 1884. She is now (1906) in school at the Peabody Normal, Nashville.

6. William Forrest Hancock (5), sixth and youngest child, was born Jan. 8, 1886. He was educated at the schools near home. Is now working (1906) for the Spurlock Neal Co., a wholesale drug house in Nashville, Tenn. The four daughters named above are members of the Auburn Baptist Church.

WILLIAM CHARLES HANCOCK (4), eighth and youngest child of Charles and Nancy Hancock, was born in 1843, in Cannon Co., Tenn. He was the youngest brother of the writer. He, like his brothers, was raised on the farm. When about eighteen years old he entered the Confederate Army in the same company as his two brothers. By reading the preceding sketch of R. R. Hancock, the reader can follow Wm. C. Hancock through the Confederate War until the latter was killed at Harrisburg, Miss., on July 14, 1864. His remains were interred and yet remain near said battlefield. He was a good soldier and full of wit and humor. He was the life of the camp, and hence greatly missed by all of Company C., Second Tenn. Cavalry, as well as by his brother. (Our oldest brother had been discharged).

CHRISTOPHER COOPER HANCOCK
OF Tennessee

Christopher C. Hancock (4), was born in Cannon Co., Tenn., on September 15, 1815. He was the second and youngest son of Richard (3) and grandson of Benjamin(2) and great grandson of John Hancock (1) of Patrick Co., Va.

Although his father was quite a wealthy planter for his day, C. C. Hancock received only such an education as was furnished by the old Field free schools in the neighborhood. He grew to manhood on his father's farm, and farming was his occupation as long as he lived.

Rebecca Dollahide, youngest child of Thomas Dollahide, was born near Crab Orchard, in Lincoln Co., Ky. on June 5, 1822. While visiting her sister who had married Peater Clark and settled near Cottage Home, in Wilson Co., Tenn., Rebecca met the subject of this sketch, and as a result they were married Dec. 18, 1839. He was twenty-four and she was seventeen.

After living with his father for one year after marriage, they began housekeeping on Sycamore Creek, in Cannon Co., Tenn., about a mile from where his father lived. This was his home until the death of his father which occurred about 1856.

According to his father's will, this youngest son, C. C. Hancock fell heir to the old homestead, upon which the son lived the rest of his life. He had been in bad health for several years, and on Sept. 15, 1877 he died. He was then sixty-two years old. His widow and ten children survived him, and two of his children had previously died. His widow never married any more, but fought the battle of life for twenty-seven years. Rebecca Hancock died May 24, 1904. She only lacked a few days being eighty-two years old. She was a member of the Sycamore Baptist Church. Was a good neighbor, a devoted mother, a faithful, affectionate wife, and a consistent christian.

She outlived her five daughters and three of her sons. Four sons survive her, one in California, two in Texas, and one in Tenn.

Twelve children were born to C. C. and Rebecca Hancock:

Mary Pairlee, Louisa E., died when about four years old;
Richard Thomas, Rebecca Frances, Alaminta Jane, Alfred Galen died in infancy; William C., Benjamin C., Andrew Jackson, Arrillous Beauregard, nick-named Hardy; James Quincy, and Kitty Hancock (5).

Mary Pairlee Hancock (5) was born in Cannon County, Tenn., on Dec. 6, 1840. She married John R. Turner of Wilson Co., Tenn. on Feb. 23, 1858. They lived for a number of years near Round Top in Wilson Co., Tenn. Mr. Turner was a carpenter and a farmer. He was born Nov. 2, 1829. His wife died Dec. 15, 1879. Soon after this sad event he moved to Cottage Home where he died Feb. 20, 1898. Their children were:

Leander Claudy Turner (6) was born Dec. 16, 1859. He married Sarah Lax. They have one grown son, Cecil Turner, who now (1906) lives at Roundtop, Wilson Co., Tenn.

Nancy Rebecca Turner (6) was born Aug. 1, 1861 and died Sept. 16, 1881. She married Samuel Hardwick, who was born Oct. 13, 1859 and died Nov. 16, 1879. Their only child died about 1901.

Josie Florence Turner (6) was born Nov. 24, 1863. She married Thomas Dun, and has six children. They now (1905) live in Wilson Co., near Cottage Home.

Rosa Lee Turner (6) was born Dec. 13, 1865 and died Dec. 24, 1891.

Mattie Frances Turner (6) was born Jan 20, 1868. She married John Rollins and has two children, who now live in Cottage Home.

Clifton D. Turner (6) was born May 20, 1869 and died Jan 2, 1891

John Newbern Turner was born Nov. 19, 1899

Lassie P. Turner (6) was born Oct. 15, 1879, and died Jan. 22, 1880.

RICHARD THOMAS HANCOCK (5) third child and oldest son of C. C. and Rebecca D. Hancock, was born in Cannon Co., Tenn., Nov. 27, 1844. He grew to manhood on the farm and farming has been his occupation ever since, except the time he was a Confederate soldier. He entered the Confederate service in Sept. 1862, in Capt. J. M. Phillips Co. of the Fourth Tenn. Cavalry commanded by Col. Baxter Smith. He was captured with said company on J. R. Jennings' farm near Cainsville, in Wilson Co., Tenn., and put in prison at Camp Morton, Indiana, where he suffered all the ills of prison life except death, until April 1865.

On being released from prison, he soon had the pleasure of being with loved ones at home, where his rations were not meted out to him in such small quantities.

Richard T. Hancock and Elizabeth P. Frances were married Sept 9, 1869. His wife was born Jan. 12, 1844. Six children were born to this union as follows:

Howell Burton Hancock (6) was born Oct. 7, 1870. He now (1905) lives in Texas.

William Dolphus Hancock (6) was born Sept. 14, 1872. He married Cantrell Odom, youngest daughter of Cantrell Bethel and Betsy Odom, on October 5, 1899. They have one daughter, Betty Hancock, and a little boy, Elma Ray Hancock. They now (1905) live on the B. A. Hancock farm, one mile east of Auburn.

Thomas Newbern Hancock (6) was born July 14, 1875. He still makes his home with his father.

Lelie Hancock (6) was born April 17, 1882.

Elma and Burley Hancock (6) died in their infancy.

R. T. Hancock's first wife, Elizabeth P. Francis Hancock, mother of all the above named children, died on Feb. 25, 1898. They were consistent members of the Auburn Missionary Baptist Church.

R. T. Hancock was happily married the second time to Nannie Gossett, of Liberty, DeKalb Co., Tenn., on Dec. 26, 1900. Her only sister, Alone Gossett, was the first wife of Andrew J. Hancock, who was a brother to R. T. Hancock. The latter now lives one-half mile east of Auburn; in fact he has lived near Auburn since his first marriage, and farming has been his occupation.

REBECCA FRANCES HANCOCK (5) third daughter of C. C. and Rebecca Hancock, and great great granddaughter of John Hancock (1) of Virginia, was born in Cannon County, Tenn., on March 1, 1847. When about nineteen years old she married Dave Chambliss, who was a stock trader. They first settled near Statesville, in Wilson Co., Tenn. They went from there to Scott's Hollow in Davidson County, Tenn., then to Silver Springs, then back to her father's place on Sycamore Creek in Cannon County. They next moved to Nashville, and then back to Statesville, where both died; the wife about 1892, and the husband about 1893. They left no children. In concluding this sketch the writer wishes to say that R. Frances Hancock Chambliss was a fine looking lady and refined in her manners.

ALAMINTA JANE HANCOCK (5) the fourth daughter of C. C. and Rebecca Hancock, was born May 31, 1849. On Sept 23, 1869, at her father's home, she married Thomas Jewell of Wilson County. The Rev. John F. Patton, a Presbyterian minister, officiated. Thomas Jewell settled where he now (1905) lives, near Statesville in Wilson County, Tenn. He runs a thresher, saw mill and a farm. His wife died on March 29, 1904. Their children were:

James F. Jewell, oldest son, was born Feb. 27, 1872, and as he is still single, he makes his home with his father.

William Hurshel Jewell (6) second son, was born April 17, 1874.

At Wartrace in Bedford Co., Tenn., Wm H. Jewell and Ona Oakley were married on May 8, 1900, by Elder McNatt, a Baptist minister. They have two children Rebecca, born April 8, 1902 (7), and Alvin Jewell (7), born Jan. 7, 1904.

Winfrey Jewell (6), third son of Thomas and Alaminta Hancock Jewell, was born July 22, 1877. Nora Patton of Wilson County, Tenn., became his wife on Feb. 24, 1895. Chick Armstrong, Esq. of Statesville married them in front of the Smith Fork Baptist Church. They have three children: Clara Luwile, born Sept 17, 1897; Geotge Thomas, born Nov. 29, 1899;

and Winnie Alaminta Jewell(7), born May 28, 1903.

Eva Jewell(6), oldest living daughter of Thomas and Alaminta Jewell, was born April 15, 1880. Jerome Bryan was born May 28, 1867. They were married Dec. 21, 1898 by Geo. A. Bogle, a Baptist minister. They have two children, Hobart Bryan (7) born Sept. 5, 1901 and Ira Bryan (7) was born Sept 2, 1903.

Bertha Jewell (6), who was born June 20, 1882, is the youngest child of Thomas and Alaminta Jewell, and granddaughter of C. Cooper Hancock (4), who was a son of Richard (3), who was a son of Benjamin (2), a son of John Hancock (1), who died in Patrick Co., Va. in 1802.

Two daughters of Thomas and Alaminta Jewell died in infancy.

WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER HANCOCK (5), third son of C. C. Cooper and Rebecca Dollahide Hancock, was born Feb. 17, 1853. He grew to manhood on his father's farm on Sycamore Creek in Cannon County, Tenn.

He married Fannie Lax, daughter of Micajer Lax of Wilson County. The first year after marriage, he lived with his mother, who was then a widow. After living at Smithville, county seat of DeKalb County, for a while, he moved back to what was known as the Sulphur Springs place on his father's farm. He next settled on a small piece of land which he had bought from his brother, A. J. Hancock, on Sycamore Creek!

Soon after settling on this last named place he died. His widow, Fannie Hancock, has bought a small farm about three miles further up on Sycamore Creek, where she now (1905) lives. Her three sons, Harlin, Sanford and Alvis Hancock, are living, but her daughter, Willie is dead.

BENJAMIN COOPER HANCOCK (5), fourth son of C. C. and Rebecca D. Hancock, was born Jan. 18, 1856. He was raised on the farm and that is still his occupation. He married Cass Odom, daughter of C. B. and

Betsy Odom, about 1879. Soon after said marriage they emigrated to Limestone County, Texas, where they now live. They have six children: Minnei, Almer, Bethel, DeWitt, Katie and Ruby (6) Hancock. Minnie is married and has four children; Katie died when about eighteen months old. Cotton is the principal crop of Limestone Co.

Andrew Jackson Hancock (5), fifth son of C. C. and Rebecca D. Hancock, was born July 14, 1858, in Cannon County, Tenn. He married Alone Gossett of Liberty, Tenn, on Jan. 18, 1888.

Ambrus Hancock (6) was born October 29, 1888

Alton Thomas Hancock (6) was born June 24, 1890 and died October 12, 1890.

Alone G. Hancock died during the year of 1890. On Sept. 11, 1898, Mary Rich became A. J. Hancock's second wife. They had two children: Burley Rich Hancock (6) born Feb. 15, 1900, and William Morgan Hancock (6) born December 3, 1901.

Andrew J. Hancock, who died May 11, 1904, had all his life lived with his mother at the old homestead, where his father and his grandfather, Richard Hancock, had lived and died. His widow and his three children still occupy the same place. His mother died thirteen days after her son, Andrew.

Arrillous Beauregard Hancock (5), nick-named Hardy, the sixth son of C. C. and Rebecca D. Hancock, was born May 3, 1861. After growing to man hood on his father's farm on Sycamore Creek in Cannon Co., Tenn., he emigrated to California where he has made his home ever since. He has been in the fruit canning business most of the time since he has been in California. In 1898 he joined the United States Volunteer Army and went to Cuba to assist the Cubans in gaining

their independence. After the close of the Spanish-American War, A. B. Hancock returned to California where he soon after married a widow and settled in Redlands, in San Bernardino County, in the southeastern portion of the state, where he now (1905) lives.

James Quincy Hancock(5) seventh and youngest son of C. C. and Rebecca D. Hancock, was born Nov. 25, 1863. He went to Texas about 1890. He and Miss Mattie Johnson of Mississippi were married in Limestone County, Texas about 1896. About two years later they moved to Crockett, county seat of Houston County, Texas where they now live. One of their children is dead. The four living are: Rebecca Leo (6), Lelia Grace (6), James Hardy and John Quincy Hancock (6). The last two are twins.

Kittie Hancock(5), twelfth and youngest child of C. C. and Rebecca D. Hancock, was born in Cannon Co., Tenn., on March 18, 1862. In growing to womanhood she had only such an education as the schools near-by could give, She was a consistent member of the Sycamore Baptist Church. She was quite handsome and had a sweet disposition. She was very much devoted to her mother, and was a favorite among her associates.

She died August 14, 1898. Her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery near the Sycamore Baptist Church. Rev. J. H. Grimes conducted the funeral services.

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(This ends the Manuscript as prepared by R. R. Hancock. The descendants of Alaminta Hancock - as furnished by Mrs. G. O. Kiger - follows on these next pages)

ALAMINTA HANCOCK (4) and Descendants

Alaminta Hancock (4), the only daughter of Richard and Mary(Adams) Cooper (widow of Christopher Cooper, by whom she had no issue) Hancock, was born about 1812. (In the 1850 census she was listed as age 38). On November 19, 1828 she married Fountain Owen in (then) Wilson County, Tenn. Samuel C. Odom was surety. Fountain was born about 1806 (1850 Tenn. Census) in Virginia. He was a large land owner. having 2,000 acres of land or more, and many slaves. He died in 1866 leaving a will dated March 7, 1866, probated Aug. 6, 1866. He was a member of the Salem Baptist Church in Liberty, Tenn., Dekalb County. In September 1835 he and his wife, Alaminta united with the church "by experience". In the minutes of the church for February 1866 is recorded, "Brother Fountain Owen is sick".

Fountain Owen's last will and testament recorded in Cannon Co., Tenn. reads as follows:

Know all men by these present that I, Fountain Owen, do make and publish this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all others made by me at anytime,

FIRST - I direct that my Funeral Expenses be paid as soon after my Death as possible, and all my Debts.

SECONDLY - I bequeath to my wife, Alaminta Owen, all the household and kitchen furniture. Also the following stock: Four heads of Horses, commonly known as her stock of horses, Two sows and pigs, Ten head of sheep, yoke of oxen and cart, Two cows and calves, all the farming utensils, all the corn on hand, also all the Bacon on hand, also 5 head of shoats.

THIRDLY - I will my daughter one cow and calf.

FOURTHLY - I direct that my Executor sell the Land on Sanders Fork that I bought of R. L. Owen, either Publicly or Privately, at

their discretion, either for cash or on a credit as they may see fit, and that the proceeds of the sale be used in the following manner, to wit - Two thousand Dollars that I owe R. L. Owen as administrator of J. L. Owen, Dec'd; also about One Thousand Dollars that I am surety for him going to J. H. Smith and D. M. Jarrett which debts I have assumed, and if there should be a remainder after settling the above debts left in the hands of my Executors, I direct that my son, Richard L. Owen, have it for the use and benefit of his children during his Natural life without giving any Bond or any Security whatever for his faithful Performance.

LASTLY - I appoint my son, R. L. Owen, and son-in-law, Horace Over-all, to execute this my last Will and Testament and that they shall be Relieved from giving Bond and Security, etc.

Given under my hand and seal this March 7, 1866.

Fountain Owen (SEAL)

Signed, sealed, etc. in our presence the above date mentioned.

C. B. Odom

T. P. Mason, Attest.

Proved in Court August 6, 1866.

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Children of Fountain and Alaminta (Hancock) Owen:

1. Richard LaFayette Owen (5), born about 1830
2. Mary Caroline Owen, born Nov. 24, 1832
3. Josiah C. Owen, born about 1833. Never married
4. Alford Owen (5), born 1835
5. Nancy L. Owen (5), born March 19, 1837
6. Lettie I. Owen (5), born 1839. Married a Burgner
7. Alaminta Owen (5) born about 1842
8. Achosy Hazeltine (Puss) Owen (5) was born Sept. 29, 1846
9. Rebecca L. Owen (5) born about 1849. Married John Powell on

March 27, 1864. No issue.

10. Eliza Owen (5), born September 29, 1851

11. Cina (or Lena) Owen (5) another child listed in 1860 census as age 2 - hence, born about 1858

Richard LaFayette Owen (5), son of Fountain and Alaminta (Hancock) Owen, was born 1830. Married Jan. 29, 1852 to Sara F. Odom. They had five children:

1. William Jefferson (Babe) Owen (6), born September 27, 1854. Married Eliza Ferrell and they had a daughter, Ethel Florence Ferrell (7).
2. James Fountain Owen (6), born Jan. 23, 1856; died Sept. 14, 1874
3. Shelah Hatten Owen (6) born 1859 and died 1949. Married in 1877 to Betty Wilson (1857 - 1879). One son Will R. Owen (7) lived in Woodbury, Cannon Co., Tenn. had two children, Pauline Owen(8) who married Charles White Hawkins and Hoyt Owen (8) married Thelma Jennings.
4. Sara Hanson Owen,(6), born June 28, 1862. Married William Davenport. They had four children: Richard LaFayette (7), Stella G.(7), William Herschel (7), and Ernest Robert Davenport (7).
5. Josiah Clinton Owen, born July 20, 1863
Richard L. Owen's first wife died and he married Mary Lucinda Odom, on September 13, 1864. They had eight children:
6. Anna Eliza Owen,(6), born Aug. 3, 1865. Married Dock Burks, her first husband. They had William Mancel (7) and Richard Dock Burks(7). Anna Eliza married 2nd. Thomas Hickman and they had a daughter Madie Hickman (7) and two sons.
7. Emerson Franklin Owen (6), was born July 19, 1867; died Aug. 12, 1950. On June 24, 1897 he married Lena Ora Odom, daughter of Samuel C. and Josie (Bogle) Odom of Auburn, Tenn. Lena was born July 21, 1876 died March 16, 1911. They lived in Waxahachie, Texas. They had four daughters: Josie, Mary, Margaret, and Nelle Owen (7) of Texas.
8. Nezzy Alaminta Owen(6) born July 6, 1869. Married James G. Alexander and they had five children: Bertha (Burb), Claude, Oscie, Elbert, and Maurine Alexander (7).

9. Charlie Warren Owen, born June 8, 1872. Married Mary Johnson. They had four children: James, Alton, Spurgeon and Louvita Owen (7).

10. Deliah Haseltine Owen (6), born August 8, 1873. Married James Amos Ferrell. They had a son who died at birth and a daughter, Octia Mae Ferrell (7) who married a McAnnally and resides at Ft. Worth, Texas. Deliah married a second time to B. B. Moon, but had no issue.

11. Jarmon LaFayette Owen (6), born April 17, 1875; died May 11, 1907. He married Parry Williams. They had one son and three daughters: Hubert Byron Owen, born March 1, 1900; died Sept. 10, 1902; Naomi Owen, Luceal Owen, and Bessie Owen (7), born November 7, 1906; died July 7, 1909.

12. Julia Idella Owen (6), born March 30, 1877. Married Thomas H. Hickman. Their children were, Kitty, William, Leonard, Weldon, Cecil and "Mutt" Hickman (7).

13. Dalton Lee Owen (6), born August 7, 1879. Married Lena Dorrough and their children are Dalton and Lorena (Tiny) Owen (7). After his first wife died he married Cora Meadows and they had six children whose names are unknown.

MARY CAROLINE OWEN (5), daughter of Fountain and Alaminta (Hancock) Owen, was born Nov. 24, 1832; died May 11, 1874. On April 10, 1850 she married Horace Abraham Overall, a widower, who was born Dec. 15, 1822; died Sept. 14, 1904. He lived two miles south of Liberty, Tenn. He was the son of Abraham Overall and Hannah Leath, his wife, and a descendant of Baron Jost Hite who opened up the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Hite's granddaughter, Christina Froman, married John Overall in Virginia. Mary Caroline and H. A. Overall's children:

1. Lethia Lasaphene Overall (6), born Feb. 5, 1851; died July 19, 1868. Married James Keaton.

2. Arilla Alaminta Jane Overall (6), born Feb. 19, 1853. Married Pleasant C. Adams, son of Jacob and Lucretia (Braswell) Adams, who was the widow Sellers. Pleasant C. was born April 25, 1843. Their children :

Claude Adams (7), never married; Myrtle Adams (7), born November 25, 1880. Married Masrshall Groom. They moved to the Oklahoma Territory and at their deaths resided at Sentinel, Okla. Three daughters survived them: Marie Groom(8) married William E. Farrell and they have one daughter Anne Marie Farrell (9) and live in Bowie, Texas; Billie Groom (8) and Bess Groom (8) both of whom live in Oklahoma; Frank Adams (7), Walter Adams (7) never married; and Prentiss Adams (7).

Myrtle Adams and Marshall D. Groom were married August 2, 1899. Marshall was the son of John Bell Groom. Marshall died in 1936 and Myrtle died June 22, 1949. They are buried in Port Cemetery in the family plot, near Sentinel, Okla. (Their daughter, Billie Lee Groom married Samuel B. Russell, and Bess Groom married Harry Hilton. One daughter, Mai Bell Groom died young).

3. Eliza Melissa Overall (6), dau. of Horace A. and Mary Caroline (Owen) Overall was born Jan. 21, 1855; died Sept. 19, 1885. She married (1st) a Windes and "2nd) Charles William LaFayette Hale. Will T. Hale, noted Tennessee author, was her son.

4. James Abraham Fountain Overall (6), was born Jan. 19, 1857; died Feb. 13, 1861.

5. Helen Alice Overall (6), born February 18, 1859; died Dec. 26, 1937. Married Andrew Jackson Smithson, who was born Jan. 30, 1863. They lived at Gassaway, Tenn. Their children: Willie Horace Smithson (7), born August 18, 1892; died by accidental drowning Dec. 13, 1931; Carmine Smithson (7) married Bob Stone of Woodbury. They had infant son born Oct 29, 1934; died Nov. 9, 1934, and son Aandrew J. Stone.

6. Nolia Owen Overall (60), dau. of Horace A. and Mary Caroline (Owen) Overall, was born November 21, 1861; died August 25, 1889. Married James Braswell Adams, youngest child of Jacob and Lucretia (Braswell) Sellers Adams, who was born Feb. 25, 1857 and died in Chattanooga Dec. 23, 1940. He was educated in schools of Tenn. and at Central College. He taught schools in Tenn. for several years; was a banker at Auburn Bank since its organization in 1903 until 1915. Was a member of the Auburn Baptist Church and for many years an active deacon and teacher of the Men's Bible Class. Was an excellent mathematician. He and Nolia were married November 16, 1884, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Wm. Simpson. To this union were born three children: Una Jane Adams (7), born Aug. 14, 1885, Daisy Era Adams (7), born February 2, 1887; died July 29, 1888, and Brooksie Grace Adams (7), born February 17, 1889; died November 12, 1890.

7. Horace Lee Overall (6), born August 10, 1865; died in Bowling Green, Ky. December 20, 1936. Married Ada Spurlock. They had Fallie Overall (7), Lola Overall (7) and Halton Overall (7).

8. Mary Earnest Overall, born April 11, 1868; died December 16, 1917. Married Jeff McKnight. They had one son, Delta McKnight who married Blanche Alpine Lennox and they live at Clarksville, Tenn. Their only son is Dr. Jimmy McKnight (8).

9. William Herschel Overall (6), born October 11, 1871. Married Jennie Powell of Gassaway. Their children were Marguerite, Freida and Horace Overall (7).

10. Madison Overall (6), born Dec. 30, 1873; died May 13, 1874.

ALFORD OWEN (5) son of Fountain and Alaminta (Hancock) Owen was born 1835. Married Dec. 23, 1855 to Lucinda Fuston. They at least three children: LaFayette, Josiah, and Kansie Owen (6).

LaFayette Owen (6), son of Alford and Lucinda (Fuston) Owen, died about 1900. Married Elizabeth Goad. They moved to Gibson Co., Tenn. Fayette was struck on the head by a hoe and died in a day or so from the injury. Their children were, Adam Owen (7), born 1886; Albert Owen, born 1888; Alpha Owen, born 1890; Willie B. Owen, born 1892; and Lillie Mai Owen (7), born 1894 and married a Day.

Josiah Owen (6) son of Alford, was born Nov. 22, 1865; died Dec. 19, 1929. Married Nola Frances Campbell who was born March 12, 1866; died July 2, 1943. Their children were: Josiah, Willie, Gertrude, Ocie, Alva, Oscar, Nelma, Alford and Lena Owen (7).

Kansie Owen (6), dau. of Alford, was born May 22, 1870; died Oct. 18, 1939. Married John Thompson, and they had a son, Willie B. Thompson (7).

NANCY L. OWEN (5), daughter of Fountain and Alaminta (Hancock) Owen, was born March 19, 1837; died May 2, 1882. Married (1st) John Markum on Sept. 9, 1853; married (2nd) Monroe King, born July 6, 1843; died May 26, 1915. Nancy's children by her first husband were:

1. Frances Markum, married a Redmon (Williamson Co., Tenn.)
2. John J. Markum, died age 18
3. Anthem Markum, married Bob McGee
4. Helen Markum, married M. L. Evans
5. Delia Markum, married "Black" Bill Grizzle

Nancy L. Owen and Monroe King, her second husband, had:

6. Fountain King married Jennie Vandergriff
7. Edna King married John George. Lived on Sycamore & Blair Creeks.
8. Idella King married Joe Melton. Lived on Wilmouth.

ACHOSY HAZELTINE (Puss) OWEN (5), daughter of Fountain and Alaminta Hancock Owen, was born Sept. 29, 1846; died March 23, 1903. Married on May 8, 1864 to Archamac Markum, who was born Dec. 7, 1836; died March 30, 1905. They had no issue.

ELIZA OWEN (5), daughter of Fountain and Alaminta Hancock Owen, was born September 29, 1851; died December 5, 1895. Married James W. ("Gentleman Jim") Odom, born April 29, 1842 in Warren Co., Tenn., and died March 13, 1922 in Rutherford Co., Tenn. Their children:

1. Edna A. Odom (6), born December 29, 1867; died February 9, 1943.

Married July 19, 1883 to Lemuel C. Bryson.

2. Lethia C. Odom (6), born March 3, 1869; married November 26, 1890 to R. M. Baxter.

3. Albert M. Odom (6), born September 29, 1870; died February 10, 1953.

Married Nov. 22, 1894 to E. L. Summar. They had 4 children: Leburn Odom (7) married Gladys Robinson, Daughter of Shelah and Angie Robinson of Auburn, Tenn.; Ruby Odom (7), married Carlisle Kennedy, merchant of Auburn, Tenn; Fountain Ray Odom (7), and Mabel Odom (7) married John Thomas Roberts, Nashville, Tenn. Albert Odom's 2nd wife was Ethel Fite. They had no issue.

4. Sally C. Odom (6), born July 3, 1872; died June 28, 1955. Married October 12, 1890 to Rufus H. Summar.

5. Alaminta H. Odom (6), born Feb. 28, 1874; died July 3, 1936. Married Dec. 21, 1893 to Charlie T. Summar

6. Fanny Odom (6), born August 7, 1876. Married and has a daughter. Lives now (1957) Peoria, Ill.

7. William Fountain Odom (6), born Feb. 18, 1878. Married Jan. 24, 1900 to Bertie Williams in Ellis Co., Texas. Bertie LeNora was born April 10, 1884. Their children:

(1) Selmer Terry Odom (7), born Oct. 30, 1900 in Waxahachie, Tex. Married April 1927 in Dallas, Texas to Pattie B. Henson, who was born Sept. 7, 1902 in Pueblo, Colo.

(2). Seibert Fountain Odom (7), born Oct. 1903. Married Lois McCool in 1945

(3). Juanita Camille Odom (7), born Nov. 1913 in Dallas, Texas. Married in 1930 to Fred T. Keith. They have 2 children: Jacqueline C. Keith, born Feb. 23, 1932. Married June 13, 1953 to James W. Mahew; Alice Jeanne Keith (8), born Aug. 20, 1940.

Children of Selmer Terry & Pattie B. (Henson) Odom:

1. Carol Shirley Odom (8), born February 10, 1930 in Dallas, Texas. Married April 8, 1950 in Longview, Texas to Leo Kenneth Walker who was born November 19, 1925 in Chandler, Okla. They have two children,

Kenneth Leo Walker (9), born Feb. 16, 1951 in Longview, Texas; and Terry Ellen Walker (9), born Feb. 18, 1954 in Houston, Texas.

8. Evie M. Odom (6), daughter of Eliza and Gentleman Jim Odom, was born August 14, 1880; died March 11, 1955. Married November 24, 1900 to C. Walter Alexander

9. Gertrude Odom (6), born May 1, 1884. Never married. Now (1957) living in Peoria, Ill.

10 & 11 - Infants - one born April 1888; one 1890. Both died.

12. Haddon Spergeon Odom (6), born April 5, 1892; died December 1, 1913.

UNA JANE ADAMS (7), dau. of James Braswell and Nolia Owen (Overall) Adams, was born Aug. 14, 1885. Married William Hays Robinson, son of Leonard and Lou (Goodner) Robinson of Wilson Co., Tenn. on August 5, 1900 at Auburn, Tenn. Wm. H. Robinson was born March 15, 1872 in Wilson Co., Tenn. At an early age he and his brothers and sisters were left orphans and were reared by their grandparents, Stephen and Charlotte (Hays) Robinson near Round Top, Tenn. Early in life he became associated in the mercantile business and for many years he and his brother, Charlie Knight Robinson, operated a general merchandise store at Auburn under the name, "W. H. & C. K. Robinson". In 1922, after his brother Charlie died May 16, 1921, Wm. H. and family moved to Chattanooga where he became connected with the Hill Stores. Both he and Una, his wife, were members of the Baptist Church.

Una Jane Adams Robinson died June 6, 1942 in Chattanooga,

Tenn. Funeral services were conducted in Auburn Baptist Church by the pastor, the Rev. Cannie W. Leonard. Burial in the family plot in Donnell Cemetery at Auburn.

They had the following children:

1. Wenzola Robinson (8), born Aug. 8, 1901 at Auburn, Tenn.

On April 4, 1923 she married Gurney Oscar Kiger in Pinnacle, N. C. He was born July 8, 1899 at Shoals, N. C. in Surry County, the son of Henry Edward and Jenetta (Phillips) Kiger. They have one daughter,

Carolyn Ann Kiger, born August 3, 1930 in Chattanooga, Tenn. On August 23, 1948 she married Roy Lee Alley, son of Roy Point and Margaret (Shipp) Alley, of Chattanooga. Roy was born May 8, 1930 in Chattanooga. They have a daughter, Lee Ann Alley (10) born Oct. 8, 1954 in Chattanooga, Tenn. Roy served with the U. S. Army from Oct. 1952 -1954 with the quartermaster corps at Fort Lee, Va.

2. Reinza Robinson (8), born January 12, 1905, Auburn, Tenn.

3. James Leonard Robinson (8), born Dec. 29, 1906 at Auburn, Tenn. He married Ethel Kendrick of Chattanooga, born June 30, 1913, daughter of A. W. and Daisy (Campbell) Kendrick of Chattanooga.

4. Lincoln Frank Robinson (8), born Jan. 30, 1909; died Dec. 23, 1909.

5. Owen Overall Robinson (8), born Feb. 5, 1911. Married Ruth Carden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett G. Carden of Chattanooga, Ruth was born March 19, 1915. They had two children, Elizabeth Ann Robinson (9), born June 21, 1932 in Chattanooga, Tenn. She married John Walter Olson, son of Johan Walter Emanuel and Rosanna Olson of Ogden, Utah. He served in World War II with the U. S. Marine Corps in Guam and China. They had: son, John W. Olson, Jr. born March 26, 1953 at Chattanooga, Tenn; a son died in infancy - Victor Emanuel Olson; and a daughter, Rosanna Ruth Olson, born Feb. 2, 1957 in Tullahoma, Tenn.

A son, Emmett Owen Robinson (9), born November 19, 1935. Married Jo Ann Walston of Chattanooga, Tenn. They have a daughter Sandra Kay Robinson (10) born November 6, 1956 in Chattanooga, Tenn.

6. Jeanette Robinson (8), born October 13, 1913. Married Newton C. Gray on Feb. 12, 1932 in Chattanooga, Tenn. They had two daughters, Joan Carol Gray (9), born Feb. 16, 1933 in Chattanooga. Married Robert Lee Lockaby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rafe P. Lockaby of Hendersonville, N. C. on December 14, 1952 in St. Elmo Baptist Church. They have 2 sons Robert Lee Lockaby, Jr, (10), born Sept. 12, 1953 in Chattanooga and David Austin Lockaby, (10) born July 29, 1956 in Chattanooga. Marilyn Lucretia Gray (9), born January 30, 1937. She married Ira Lee of Chattanooga and were later divorced.

7. Kenneth Wayne Robinson (8), born February 14, 1919 in Auburn, Tenn. Married Doris Powell on Oct. 7, 1945 in Chattanooga at the St. Elmo Baptist Church. Kenneth served in the Quartermaster Corps of the U. S. Army from August 1941 to December 1945. He was stationed at Camp Lee, Va. Doris is the daughter of Orville E. and Hannah (Timmons) Powell of Chattanooga. They have a son, Kenneth W. Robinson, Jr., born Feb. 12, 1947. They are residing in Dallas, Texas.

CHILDREN of James Leonard (8) and Ethel (Kendrick) Robinson:

1. William Hayden Robinson, (9), born February 5, 1930. Served in U. S. Army entering service Feb. 27, 1951. Became attached to H. Q. Bat'y of 52nd Division and landed in Korea Sept. 1951. Shortly afterwards was wounded in action and sent to Japan to convalesce, where he remained until sent back to states where he arrived home Feb. 5, 1953. Enlisted again and went to Germany in 1955. Married Wilma Baldwin, of Grandview, Tenn. Their children are William Leonard Robinson (10) born March 17, 1955 in Chattanooga; Steven Christopher Robinson (10) born Feb. 25, 1956 in

Schweinfurt, Germany.

(3) David Kevin Robinson, born January 30, 1957 in Würzburg, Germany.

2. Betty Jane Robinson (9), born October 22, 1931. Married Andrew Jackson McCorkle, II. To them were born:

(1) Andrew Jackson McCorkle, III (10), born August 7, 1951

(2) Leonard Anthony McCorkle (10), born November 15, 1952.

(3) Pamela Jane McCorkle (10), born October 15, 1953.

3. James Leonard Robinson, Jr. (9), born October 19, 1933. Married Anne Hampton, daughter of W. Hughs and Ruby G. Hampton of Chattanooga.

4. Robert Lee Robinson (9), born August 20, 1937. Serving (1957) with the U. S. Army located in Germany.

5. Daniel Wesley Robinson (9), born May 14, 1939. Enlisted in U. S. Army Nov. 1956. Sent to Germany May 1957, after graduating from Military Police Training Center at Ft. Gordon, Ga.

6. Nancy Louise Robinson (9), born December 31, 1943

7. Daisy Dianne Robinson (9), born August 11, 1945

VALTER RAY HANCOCK

Valter Ray Hancock's paternal grandmother Blair was the daughter of William Blair, born August 31, 1792; died February 26, 1854. In 1811 he married Sara Deheart, born May 6, 1796; died July 26, 1879. Both are buried in the Summar's grave yard on Sycamore.

Valter Ray Hancock was born April 29, 1886. In 1912 he married Nonnie Bess Craddock, who was born May 24, 1889. They live at the Hancock home place of his father on Sycamore. Both are members of the Sycamore Baptist Church. Their children are:

1. Nell Hancock, born August 19, 1913. She is at present (1957) living in Washington, D. C. where she is connected with the Atomic Energy Commission. She is in her junior year at George Washington University.

2. Alfred Ray Hancock, born December 20, 1914. On March 22, 1947 he married Dorothy Woodside of Dowelltown, Tenn., who was born February 22, 1920. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hibart Woodside. They now (1957) live in Detroit, Mich. Their 2 sons are:

- (1) Alfred Ray Hancock, Jr., born January 30, 1948

- (2). Phillip Reid Hancock, born May 14, 1951

3. Benjamin Craddock Hancock, born November 4, 1916. On March 22, 1947 he married Marian Elizabeth McClanahan, who was born July 10, 1919. Their 3 children are:

- (1). Janice Elaine Hancock, born April 29, 1948

- (2) Patricia Anita Hancock, born October 9, 1951

- (3). Anthony Lewis Hancock, born October 23, 1955

4. Betty Sue Hancock, born August 31, 1919. Is in the teaching profession, having taught at Dowelltown, Tenn. the past seven years.

5. Mary Ruth Hancock, born March 5, 1924. Married March 30, 1946 to Thomas Nixon Cripps, who was born August 29, 1923. Their 2 children are:

(1). Darlene Ann Cripps, born August 19, 1947

(2). Thomas Nixon Cripps, Jr., born March 9, 1950.

6. John Morgan Hancock, born April 16, 1926.

7. Dorothy Jane Hancock, born June 9, 1928. Married March 19, 1952 to Jack C. Phelps who was born June 17, 1932. Their two children are:

(1) Jack C. Phelps, Jr., born September 20, 1955

(2) Terrie Lynn Phelps, born March 8, 1957

8. William Don Hancock, born July 31, 1930. Married Sept. 17, 1950 to Wilma Mingle, daughter of Otis and Bessie Davenport Mingle of Woodbury, Tenn. She was born December 28, 1932. They now (1957) reside in Chattanooga, Tenn. They have 2 children:

(1) Donna Lynn Hancock, born March 26, 1952 in Woodbury, Tenn.

(2) Joel Alan Hancock, born June 17, 1957 in Chattanooga, Tenn.

9. Lewis Reid Hancock died of typhoid fever at the age of 16

10. An infant daughter died shortly after birth.

